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HAPPY NOTE ON SCHOOL MUSIC

by Will Ackermann

HARMONY has been struck after plans to scrap funding for Wolverhampton children to learn to play musical instruments were ditched.

Wolverhampton City Council announced the U-turn as it confirmed it was cutting £17.26 million off its budget over the next 12 months and £60m altogether by 2018.

The council had planned to save £40,000 by removing its subsidy for the Wolverhampton Music Service next year. Under the plans, parents would have been charged up to £100 for their children to learn an instrument.

Instead, the council will continue to give £20,000 to the service. The remaining £20,000 will come from charging each school around £1,000 more for tuition.

Henry Bishop, development officer at the Federation of Music Services, which oversees music services throughout the UK, said: "We are delighted that Wolverhampton City Council continues to value music education. This will allow thousands of children to have continued access to a range of high quality music lessons."

The change was made following a public consultation and means thousands of children will continue to get free use of instruments.

Meanwhile, council tax will be frozen in Wolverhampton for the fourth year running after the council accepted a Government grant.

Challenge

But cuts that have been confirmed include charging residents £52.50 to get rid of mice, rats, cockroaches and bedbugs and slashing the grant given to the Grand Theatre by £50,000. More than 20,000 working age adults who were previously in receipt of council tax benefit will also now be expected to pay around £73 a year.

However, council leader Councillor Roger Lawrence and cabinet member for resources Councillor Andrew Johnson delivered a stark message to residents, saying Wolverhampton continues to face the biggest financial challenge in its history with what they view as massive and unfair cuts imposed by central Government.

They said research published by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation has concluded that the most deprived authorities would be the hardest hit. This data shows that urban, deprived communities could face a loss in spending power per head of population of in excess of £150, but that figure was much lower – less than £15 – in wealthier areas.

Quarter of shops in city centre are empty

A QUARTER of shops in Wolverhampton are standing empty, according to new figures.

The city is eighth nationally in a list of large centres for the number of empty shops, with a vacancy rate of 25 per cent, according to figures from the Local Data Company. It is an improvement on last year, when the vacancy rate was 27.3 per cent.

Wolverhampton City Council deputy leader Councillor Peter Bilson said: "We welcome the improvement but we know that the state of the economy has some way to go in terms of full recovery.

Optimistic

"I'm optimistic that we may soon be in a position to make improvements to the public areas of the city centre. The city is going in the right direction."

Curry's Digital left the Mander Centre while national electronics chain Comet shut down altogether.

Kim Gilmour, manager of city centre company WV One, said: "There are difficult trading conditions from four years of a recession and national retailers closing all over the UK as well as independents who have come to the end of a lease.

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Furniture store closes branch

FURNITURE store Walmsley's has closed its Wolverhampton branch after the company went into administration.

Walmsley Furnishing has shut its store in the Mander Centre and all furniture has been removed.

The closure comes as staff at WH Smith's branch at the city's £22.5 million bus station said the store would close less than two years after opening.

Insolvency practitioners PCR said that Walmsley's closed on Friday with the loss of one job.

The company is still continuing to fulfil customer orders.

Trees-protest homes plan scaled back

A CONTROVERSIAL planning application, which would see more than 170 trees felled to make way for a housing development in Wolverhampton, has been downgraded.

David Wilson Homes submitted plans for a 62-home development last month, sparking objections from residents who also raised concerns about traffic issues, while badger setts have since been discovered on the site. Now the developer has scaled back its plans ahead of a decision by planning bosses next month, with a proposed block of flats reduced from four to three storeys.

Height

Sixteen bespoke apartments had originally been earmarked as part of the scheme.

Jon Rowson, planning manager for David Wilson Homes, confirmed the reduction in height of the block of flats.

He said: "The decision has been made to reduce the height of the proposed apartments, on Wergs Road in Tettenhall, from four-storey to three-storey. This decision has been made following detailed discussions between David Wilson Homes, ADAS and the local planning authority, to take into account local residents' views."

Plans were submitted to Wolverhampton City Council last month and caused outrage among residents who strongly opposes 173 trees being cut down.

Refurbed rickshaw all set to power charity goal

Wolverhampton College students Jay White, left, and Dominic Millard with Punjabi Wolves members Stuart Cairns, Andy Sahota and Naz Mankinand the challenge rickshaw

A RICKSHAW has been refurbished by college students in preparation for a charity ride by a group of Wolves fans.

The latest challenge by Punjabi Wolves will see 30 members of the group set off on the rickshaw from Molineux and pedal 400 miles to the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

Members are hoping the ride will be completed in four days.

The traditional Punjabi rickshaw was in need of work after its two previous journeys, from Molineux to Buckingham Palace and another to Wembley.

Students at Wolverhampton College's Paget Road campus have added two detachable bikes onto the back to add more pedal power, serviced it and touched up the paintwork as part of their efforts to support the charity ride.

Punjabi Wolves chairman Andy Sahota said: "It's fantastic. We are really grateful for the work they have done, it's great for the college to be involved with Punjabi Wolves."

"We are hoping that this year's rickshaw ride will help us raise more than £25,000."

The charity hopes to raise £100,000 by the end of the year through five events starting with a celebrity-studded collar boxing match on March 1, a fancy dress golf event and the group's popular annual gala at the end of the year.

Money raised will go to Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research, Promise Dreams, Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Heart & Lung Centre, Royal Centre for Defence Medicine, Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham and the India Project, which helps destitute families in India.

The group are also looking for a sponsor to have their name on the side of the vehicle as it makes its way to Paris to help fund the bike ride, which starts on June 26. Details **at www.punjabiwolves.com**

Leisure centres trust bid dumped

A LONG-STANDING bid to set up a charitable trust to take over three Wolverhampton leisure centres is set to be abandoned after more than five years of planning and £60,000 of investment.

Wolverhampton City Council had spent the money trying to set up the organisation to run Aldersley Leisure Village, the Bert Williams Leisure Centre and Central Baths in a move which would have seen it managed by a non-profit-making trust and money from efficiency savings reinvested.

Fees

However, the council's cross-party, member-led special advisory group has recommended the termination of negotiations with the leisure trust board after trustees and representatives from the council were unable to reach agreement over how the new organisation would be run.

The group's recommendation will be presented to cabinet for a formal decision. Bosses say services at the centres will be unaffected if the move is dropped.

The money has been spent since 2012 on professional fees. Bosses say if they decide to go ahead in the future then the information gathered from that would be able to be used.

Busy route to close for week

A BUSY route leading to Wolverhampton city centre will be shut for a week during maintenance work.

A mini-roundabout in Lea Road, Penn Fields, will be reconstructed.

The road, which leads to the A449 Penn Road, will be shut during the day between next Monday and Friday while workers are on site.

The work will involve the full reconstruction of the mini roundabout at the junction with Claremont Road and carrying out surface treatment between the junctions with Jeffcock Road and Upper Zoar Street.

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Day care move will save £1.1m over two years

CONTROVERSIAL plans to move day care and respite services out of a Wolverhampton centre will save £1.1 million over two years, it has been revealed.

Councillors are due to rubber stamp plans to "decommission" Warstones Resource Centre despite a 6,500-signature petition calling for it to be saved.

Wolverhampton City Council has said that 33 per cent of the respite care beds are empty. It comes as the authority is drawing up £68 million of cuts over five years because of reductions in Government grants.

A total of 61 people work at Warstones Resource Centre and the council has pledged to try to find work elsewhere for any affected.

The plan is to transfer day services to private providers, along with those at Bradley Resource Centre, and to move respite services to Merry Hill House in Merry Hill and Nelson Mandela House in Pendeford. Seven dementia respite beds will go to Blakenhall Resource Centre.

The changes at Warstones will save £400,000 in the coming year and a further £700,000 in 2014/15. A further £50,000 will be saved this year by moving services from Bradley. The move was set to be agreed by the council's Labour cabinet this week.

Campaigners said they had not been listened to. Bill Baugh, who runs art classes for pensioners at Warstones Resource Centre said: "It's disgusting. The need for respite care is going to grow as the population ages. Thousands of people wanted to keep this open. There has been no regard for democracy."

Anger at closure clash of two transport links

RAIL bosses have been criticised for planning to shut down the West Coast Main Line between Wolverhampton and Birmingham at the same time that engineering work will close the Midland Metro tram route.

Rail group under fire over upset customers

UNDER-FIRE rail operator London Midland has been named among the worst for customer satisfaction.

Passengers faced more delays in the region as just 45 per cent said they are happy with its service.

Results of the customer satisfaction survey have been released after London Midland was forced to offer compensation, free travel days and cheaper tickets to make up for cancelling hundreds of services last year because of a driver shortage.

Responses

The company, which runs services through the Black Country and Staffordshire including on the Chase Line from Birmingham to Walsall and Rugeley, is among more than half of train companies with customer satisfaction levels of less than 50 per cent.

Another West Midlands operator, Arriva Trains Wales, provided a satisfactory service to 48 per cent of passengers, according to the Which? survey.

Top of the satisfaction table, compiled from responses from 7,500 regular train users, was West Coast main line operator Virgin Trains with a score of 67 per cent.

There will be no trains between Wolverhampton and Sandwell & Dudley from 3pm on March 28 – the day before Good Friday – until Tuesday, April 2.

That means thousands of Wolves fans face chaos trying to get to the April 1 derby match at Birmingham City. Fans will have to rely on bus services, replacement buses from Wolverhampton to Birmingham – calling at Sandwell and Dudley – or their own vehicles.

The Wolverhampton-Birmingham line is closing for major juntion work. On the Metro route major work will start after the last tram on Good Friday and will not reopen until April 15.

Busy

Passengers will be put on replacement buses. London Midland will run trains between Sandwell & Dudley and Birmingham New Street but Virgin Trains will not.

There was anger that the rail work is taking place at the same time as the Midland Metro will be shut.

Kevin Chapman, chairman of the West Midlands Campaign for Better Transport, said: "The work has got to be done, but why does it have to be done at the same time as the Metro? Easter is a very busy time on the national rail network because people are travelling to go on holiday."

But Steve Swingler, spokesman for West Midlands transport authority Centro, said the Easter school holidays were a good time for the Metro work because the line tends to have fewer commuters.

Red-letter day as Joseph visits

Joseph star Keith Jack stopped off at Coppice Performing Arts School in Wednesfeld to give budding actors there some advice

MUSICAL star Keith Jack stopped off at a school to give budding actors some tips about performing.

The performer, who came runner-up in Andrew Lloyd Webber's Any Dream Will Do TV talent contest dropped in at Wolverhampton's Coppice Performing Arts School to host a drama workshop.

He was performing the lead role in Joseph and The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre which ended its run on Saturday. He gave pupils aged, between 11 and 18, his best stage tips ahead of the Wednesfield school's own performance of the musical from March 20.

It included giving advice to the two students lined up to play Joseph in the school's own version of the famous story – Tate Wolverson and Harry Ondrak-Wright. He told them the best tip for playing the part and carrying off the confidence of the character was to smile to be believable.

Mr Jack even said the school duo had impressed him during a performance of some of the songs.

He said: "It's always nice to come into a school to see what it's like and the facilities children have to work with, and it's nice to meet someone else doing the role."

After a question and answer session with Mr Jack during the day, pupils who had the chance to interview the star then went to see the star perform at the Lichfield Street theatre.

Project will aid travel to hospital for elderly

A NEW transport project is to be launched in four South Staffordshire villages to take elderly people from their homes to hospital appointments.

Council bosses have now put out an appeal for volunteer drivers for the project and say they hope it will be up and running by the spring.

The scheme will run in Perton, Codsall, Bilbrook and Pattingham and has been set up because officials say it can be hard for older people to use public transport.

Charge

South Staffordshire District Council is behind the project along with the parish councils in the four areas.

There will be a charge for people who want to use the service but organisers are still deciding how much that will be.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer driver can contact South Staffordshire Council on 01902 696533 or email localities@sstaffs.gov.uk

Hearing date over chopping down of trees

A COURT hearing over the chopping down of 10 protected trees during work on the £50 million Wolves training ground development will take place on Tuesday, March 12.

The city council has confirmed they are taking action against a contractor working on behalf of Redrow Homes, which is part-owned by Wolves chairman Steve Morgan. The issue was discovered in May last year.

Revamp

All 10 of the trees, which included a weeping ash, cypress, firs, cedars and pines, were covered by preservation orders but were removed as part of the Compton Park redevelopment project.

The contractor will appear at Wolverhampton Magistrates Court after being charged with the unauthorised removal of a protected tree.

In addition to the training ground revamp, the project includes the relocation of St Edmund's Catholic School and the creation of 55 luxury homes.

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Boy, 15, admits towpath attacks

A TEENAGER has admitted a spate of attacks along a canal towpath in Wolverhampton.

The 15-year-old, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was behind a string of assaults, including one in which he pushed a pensioner into the water.

His guilty pleas can be revealed for the first time after he was this week also found guilty of two separate charges following trial.

All of the attacks, which happened between September 12 and 19, were on the Wyrley and Essington canal towpath.

Cycling

Among his victims was 71-year-old Christopher Fitzgerald who was cycling along when he described being kicked off his bike into the water last September.

Magistrates had previously heard the group offered Mr Fitzgerald help to climb out of the canal but as he came close to the canalside, he was kicked in the chest.

Following a trial at Wolverhampton Magistrates Court the teenager has also been found guilty of stealing glasses from a man as he ate his lunch and racially abusing another.

The youth will be sentenced on March 11.

Four drug factories every day

MORE than 1,000 cannabis factories in the West Midlands have been uncovered in just 18 months – with up to four a day being found.

The recession has seen a boom in cannabis farms in the region, according to the police cannabis disposal team.

The eight-strong team was set up 18 months ago. It was the first of its kind in the country and removes and destroys plants, before dismantling factory equipment.

Cannabis disposal manager Mike Hall said figures reveal the effect of the economic climate.

He said his team would expect to find around four factories a day on operational days.

Widow's fear as council set to seize cats

Jane Bood with some of the cats she faces losing

A DOZEN cats belonging to a Wolverhampton widow will be seized if they enter neighbours' gardens after she refused to give them up.

Jane Bood will not comply with Wolverhampton City Council's enforcement notice demanding that she reduce the 17 cats she owns to five.

The council is acting following complaints from neighbours and a 50-signature petition but Mrs Bood and her family are prepared to challenge the decision in the courts.

Council officers will trap the cats in neighbours' gardens and Mrs Bood fears they will be destroyed if new homes are not found for them.

Mrs Bood, aged 65, challenged an enforcement notice issued by Wolverhampton City Council following complaints from neighbours at her home in Lower Prestwood Road, Wednesfield.

Worried

In 2010 the widow had 27 cats, sparking a 50-name petition, but has not been replacing any that have died and there are now 17. But the council said that having any more than five was a breach of the planning permission for her home. Mrs Bood got her first cats seven years ago after her husband David passed away and one of them had a litter of kittens.

The males were neutered but the females bred with other cats and by 2010 she had so many that neighbours were complaining.

Mrs Bood is worried the cats will be given a lethal injection if they cannot be rehomed.

She is being represented by her niece Helen Lowbridge who has said she is prepared to take the matter all the way through the courts.

New doctors recruited to cut weekend deaths

SEVEN consultants have been recruited by Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital as part of a £1 million bid to cut weekend death rates.

They have been spread across six departments to avoid situations where only skeleton staff is used at weekends.

The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Hospitals Trust, which runs the hospital, was previously highlighted as suffering one of the country's highest death rates at weekends compared to weekdays.

by Alex Homer

Death rates met the national standard for the first time in four years however, last year, and bosses say new recruits have continued to reduce rates since their arrival.

Taking on extra staff is tied into a package of measures, trust bosses added.

Medical director Dr Jonathan Odum said: "We wanted to ensure there was consistency of clinical practice across all clinical areas seven days a week.

Advertise

"This is allowing each directorate within the Trust to have enough manpower to cover wards and clinical areas equitably throughout the week."

Bosses still hope to take on three more consultants as part of the same drive and continue to advertise to fill the posts.

Once in place, these measures will allow a seven-day working rota across all departments including elderly care and stroke services.

Before the latest wave of recruitment three departments had that same seven-day rota in place for consultants.

A report by the Dr Foster Intelligence healthcare information agency in 2010/11 suggested reduced out-of-hours services could be to blame for the weekend rise in mortality rates.

The report then found the trust had a 13 per cent higher mortality rate at weekends than during the week.

Since that shock statistic New Cross bosses decided at a board meeting last summer to recruit more consultants to try to combat the so-called "weekend effect".

Figures released shortly after that decision showed the trust had met the national standard for the first time in four years.

New Cross Hospital recorded almost 200 fewer deaths in the 2011-2012 year, 2.6 per cent of the overall discharge figure, than the previous 12 months, bringing it in line with the standard national hospital mortality rate.

Blood campaign early success

A CAMPAIGN to help make up a shortfall in new blood donors by recruiting100,000 new donors in 100 days has been hailed a great success after the target was smashed two weeks early.

People came forward in their thousands to support the campaign run by NHS Blood andTransplant (NHSBT). A total of 4,591 people from the West Midlands joined up.

Bully helps kick off school fundraiser

Steve Bull shows his support for marathon runner Liz Davies, front centre, at the launch of fundraising activities at St Michael's Catholic Primary School. They are pictured with Liz's daughter Kate, aged six, and fellow pupils

A SCHOOL in Wolverhampton has launched a fundraising drive in aid of a well-known city charity, with the aid of a Wolves legend.

Youngsters from St Michael's Catholic Primary School have begun their bid to raise money for Promise Dreams. The collaboration of the school council, teachers and a parent will be running the London marathon in April for the same charity.

Deputy headteacher Stacy McHale said: "It was the children who originally came up with the idea, however, as part of their planned fundraising around Lent. They wanted to raise money for Promise Dreams especially, because one of the school's parents is running the London Marathon this year to raise money for them."

Children were inspired by the efforts of parent Liz Davies to train for the London Marathon, after previously completing two half marathons.

Staff organised for pupils to meet charity representatives to hear more about its work, including former Molineux hero Steve Bull who is a patron of the charity.

Children have pledged to complete a readathon challenge and donate proceeds from their Easter fair to the charity.

NEWS in brief

Two men charged after shop robbery

TWO men have been charged with robbery in connection with a raid at a shop in Wolverhampton.

Cigarettes were stolen when the Spar, on Birmingham New Road, Lanesfield, was targeted last Thursday.

Two men, aged 35 and 29, have been charged with robbery and having an imitation firearm. The 35-year-old has also been charged with theft from a motor vehicle.

They will appear at Wolverhampton Crown Court in May.

Council burners to bring in cash

NEW boilers burning wood and other environmentally-friendly fuels are to be installed in buildings as cash-strapped councils try to make cash from schemes that reward them for being green.

Wolverhampton City Council's cabinet has approved a contract to, where possible, replace boilers with bio-mass burners, which use wood chips and other organic waste.

This could earn the council £17,000 a year for each burner.

Residents asked to dig in at park

GREEN-FINGERED residents are being asked to dig deep and spare an hour to help remove invasive plants from East Park.

Volunteers from the park's conservation group will be meeting at the parks pavilion this Saturday from 10 am to carry out much needed work and are asking the public to join them.

For more information, call Rachel on 01902 555135 or 07771 836659

Arrest over spray

A MAN has been arrested following the discovery of 47 cannisters of CS spray.

Two brands of spray were discovered by police officers and are now being analysed by experts.

A 20-year-old man from Wednesfield was arrested in connection with the discovery and bailed.

Students' reunion

STUDENTS from the Wolverhampton Technical High School are invited to a reunion at Oxley Park Golf Club on Stafford Road on Friday, March 1. Call 01902 845034 or 01902 661682.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

YOU are what you eat. I had a beef pie on Tuesday and I've been a little hoarse ever since.

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YES, I know there's a lot of it about. Throat full of razor blades, head full of snot and your voice suddenly dropping an octave. For men, there is one advantage of this chesty winter malady. At last we can all do a good impression of Lee Marvin's basso-profundo hit from Paint Your Wagon. All together now: I was born under a wandrin' star.

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THE wrong sort of snow brought down an oak tree which in turn brought down all the phone lines in our neighbourhood. As I reported earlier, BT said on Monday it would be fixed in 48 hours. Fat chance. The engineer tells me it could have been sorted earlier but he had to wait for the man who decides whether telegraph poles are safe to climb. No surprises there, then.

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TRYING to get our calls diverted was enough to make you tear your hair out. It involved the inevitable conversation with a call centre in India. When these call centres first opened I used to chat for ages with operators in Benares or Bangalore about where they were and where I was and how's the weather your end and who'd you fancy for the First Test? But over the years the fluent English speakers seem to have moved on. Call me paranoid but I suspect when I call up these days, the supervisor cups his hand over the phone and says to his team: "Rhodes on the line again. Anyone here not speak English?"

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SO FAREWELL, Pope Benedict. Purely by chance we were in Italy when he became Pope in 2005. As we flipped between CNN and BBC in our hotel room, there was some confusion about events in the Vatican. Had the right colour of smoke emerged from the chimney? Had the cardinals made their decision or were they still haggling? Yet while CNN and the BBC dithered, all the church bells in Riva del Garda began ringing. Somehow, the people knew they had a new Pope and the sound of those bells echoing joyously over Lake Garda is a memory to treasure.

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IN A week when we are thinking hard about the stuff we eat, my local off-licence is offering expert advice on choosing the right wines to go with your dinner menu. I am torn between Marelot and Chardonneigh.

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ONE of the most depressing reports this week is the news that Britain does not have enough skilled IT technicians to make the internet secure. Because our universities are turning out the wrong sort of graduates, using the worldwide web will become increasingly risky. But while we are short of cyber experts, we are knee deep in video-technique, leisure-planning and media-studies graduates who have no jobs, no hope and £40,000 of university debt. At the heart of this imbalance of talent is the old snobbery among English academics for anything that involves using your hands or, heaven forbid, wearing a boiler suit. Wickedly misled by useless careers advisers, bright kids who could make a great living working with widgets waste three years of their lives faffing around with video cameras in the belief that they will be the next Matt Baker. Meanwhile, plumbers (if you can get one) charge £60 per hour.

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AND off to the nurse for the annual blood-pressure test and analysis of my latest blood sample. Everything seems boringly normal but I suspect 20 years from now we will look back on this ritual examination of our gore in much the way that today's doctors look back on leeches, bleeding cups, black bile and miasma. Medicine never stands still. Today's wisdom is tomorrow's folklore.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Respite care to continue despite cutbacks

RESPITE care services will continue in Wolverhampton despite the claim of one service provider that cuts will lead to its closure, city council chiefs have pledged.

Sarah Norman, Wolverhampton City Council's strategic director for community, said she did not anticipate any detrimental affect would be passed onto service users or their families by cuts.

That was despite Multi-Handicap Care and Relief Service, based in Hilton Street, Springfields, saying those same cuts, which take effect from April, would prompt its closure.

Alternative providers would come in to provide an equivalent service more cheaply for the council after the authority re-tendered the contract, Ms Norman said. The authority's actions would also not prompt job losses as chiefs say carers' contracts would be taken on by any new provider under TUPE regulations.

Transfer

She said: "This is a valued service which provides a short period of respite for families in Wolverhampton. The city council has always made it clear that it does not have any complaint with the quality of the service provided by Multicare; however, given the financial pressures the council is facing, we have a duty to commission high-quality services which provide the best value to the taxpayers of Wolverhampton.

"It is important to stress that there will be no impact on short-breaks service users or their families, as the service will continue to be provided either by Multicare or an alternative provider.

"Nor do we envisage it having any impact upon the Saturday Club and Careaway Club services.

"Should a change of short-breaks service provider occur, it is expected that staff would transfer to the new provider, as is usual when social care services are re-tendered."

Hundreds face tax hike in empty homes purge

SIX hundred home owners in Wolverhampton will be hit with a 50 per cent increase in council tax under new rules aimed at bringing empty properties back into use.

Wolverhampton City Council expected to make an extra £191,000 a year by using new laws that come into effect from April and allow it to charge a premium on homes that have been vacant for more than two years.

It will see owners of empty homes charged between £488 and £1,463.99 a year more for the council tax on the buildings, depending on their size and value.

The aim is to force landlords to do something with homes, particularly if they have been left to become run-down eyesores.

Problem

It is also intended to help ease the waiting lists for council housing, which frequently stand at around 13,000.

The city council has compulsory purchase powers allowing it to buy empty homes and sell them on to owners who are prepared to bring them back into use. All councils have been given the power to levy the additional council tax bill as part of a package of government measures concerning empty properties.

Councillor Roger Lawrence, leader of Wolverhampton City Council, said:

by Daniel Wainwright

"Having houses empty for a long time is a real problem and this is a way of encouraging owners to do something with them."

Lesley Williams, private sector housing service manager, said: "The latest empty property strategy has been in effect since 2010 and has a range of measures to assist owners of empty property, backed up by last measure enforcement options where there is a detrimental impact on neighbourhoods.

"We have been trying to engage with all owners of properties which have been empty for two years or more and will do all we can to assist them to either bring them back into use or sell them."

Homes that have been empty for six months or more are said to knock up to 30 per cent off the value of neighbouring properties.

Officials are working on plans to compulsorily purchase houses in Canterbury Road, Penn, and All Saints Road, All Saints.

Call for hospital helpers

THE WRVS is looking to recruit new volunteers to join its team at Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital.

The charity is looking for people who would be willing to give some of their time to help out in the coffee shops and ward trolley service which provide important support services for patients, staff and visitors

Anyone over the age of 18 can help and the hours are flexible – just a few hours once a week, fortnight or each month. Full induction and training is provided and travel expenses are paid.

For further information call the WRVS Volunteer Recruitment Line on 0845 6014670 (local call rates apply) or visit www.wrvs.org.uk and register your interest.

Beanz meanz charity aid as rival fans go head-to-head

Teachers Craig Moss and Paul Thomas sit in a bath full of beans to aid charity

TEACHERS put their football rivalries to one side to unite for a good cause at a Black Country school.

High Arcal School colleagues ICT teacher Craig Moss and head of house Paul Thomas donned their Wolves and Baggies football shirts as they spent five minutes each in a bath of baked beans.

They were joined in the fundraiser by assistant head teacher Sukhjot Dhami in aid of Attingham house's chosen charity Believe to Achieve.

Mr Dhami, aged 30, said: "The caretaker filled the bath with freezing cold water and ice before the beans went in so when I got in it was very cold.

"The beans were very mushy and very smelly and I'm pretty sure I smelt of them for the rest of the day."

Believe to Achieve was founded in 2001 by Wolverhampton woman and machete attack victim Lisa Potts and works to help children with their self esteem and confidence issues.

Nominated

The idea came from student house captain Amelia Barnfield, aged 15, and Mr Dhami said he and the two other teachers were nominated to take the plunge.

Now the search is on for another idea for fundraising at the school, which is on High Arcal Drive in Sedgley. Previous ventures have included a bungee jump.

Mother in barcodes price swap on loaves

A MOTHER who swapped reduced price barcodes from loaves of bread with those on printer cartridges – conning a supermarket out of more than £100 – has been given a 12-month community order.

Jayde Wilson removed the 99p stickers from the bread that was nearing the end of its shelf life and stuck them to three cartridges worth between £30 and £36.

She paid for the items using a self-service scanner and then walked out of Morrisons in Bilston. However, the 20-year-old, of Cemetery Road, Willenhall, was caught moments later by security staff. The total loss was £103.

Depression

At Wolverhampton Magistrates Court District Judge Michael Morris ordered her to be under the supervision of the probation service for 12 months. She was told to pay £145 in fines and costs.

A previous hearing heard how Wilson, who has a two-year-old daughter, had racked up £8,000 of debt. She was also suffering from "severe" depression and Asperger's Syndrome, the court was told.

Wilson admitted fraud by false representation. She had previously denied the charge but changed her plea.

Road to be closed for six months

A ROAD in Wolverhampton will be shut for six months while repair works are carried out on a dangerous wall.

The Avenue in Penn, which runs between Penn Road and Vicarage Road, was first shut off to drivers in mid-December and it had originally been hoped that it would reopen by the middle of January.

However council chiefs have now revealed that it will be the end of June at the earliest before drivers are able to use it because the problem with the wall is worse than they first thought.

The project has also been hit by the bad weather and plunging temperatures.

Investigations have shown that significant design and building work is required.

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Homes bid for site of old offices

The Promise Finance site was demolished last year

MORE than 40 new homes will be built on the site of the former offices of a Wolverhampton loan company.

Developer Persimmon Homes is set to carry out the work as part of its £150 million redevelopment of Wolverhampton's Goodyear factory which will see 314 new homes built in total.

An application has been lodged for the latest phase of work which shows that 32 flats and nine houses would be built on the old offices of Promise Finance, next to the factory, which was bulldozed last year.

Jobs

They will include some two-bedroom houses so that first-time buyers can get a foot on the property ladder.

The homes will go next to the newly-built pub The Gatehouse, which cost £2.5 million and opened in November last year, creating 50 jobs. It was named in honour of the old gatehouse that was the entrance to the iconic Goodyear factory and was demolished in 2010.

Stolen cable is found in raids on scrapyards

SUSPECTED stolen cable was recovered when police carried out a series of scrapyard raids across the Black Country.

A total of 20 premises in Wolverhampton, Walsall, Sandwell and Dudley were visited as part of the force's crackdown on metal theft.

At Oxford Street, Bilston, officers recovered cable suspected of being stolen from phone company BT and power provider E.ON. A man was arrested and bailed pending further inquiries.

In Sandwell, advice was given to one scrapyard about identification on metal. In Dudley a yard was found to have no licence to trade.

A regional taskforce has seen offences of metal theft cut by more than half in 2012.

16 years on and nursing home set to go ahead

A 20-BEDROOM nursing home that will create new jobs in Essington is finally set to be built – 16 years after it was first put forward for consideration.

Developers hope to build the facility on land off Kitchen Lane. Initial plans were approved by council chiefs as far back as 1997 and the previous building on site was demolished. But the nursing home project has been hit by a series of setbacks.

For example, three years ago, Kean Building Services said it would not build the home unless permission was given for 40 bedrooms, saying a 20-bedroom home was not viable.But a revised application will now go before South Staffordshire Council's planning committee in April. It seeks to renew the previous planning consent that was given in 2004, which proposes a U-shaped, one-storey building with a central, two-storey section.

Pleased

It would provide 20 bedrooms, two lounges and a dining room, plus space for 14 vehicles at the front of the building.

Essington councillor David Clifft said he would be pleased to see the site, which used to contain farm buildings, put to good use. Councillor Clifft added: "I'm totally in favour of the proposal. The site hasn't been used for some time so there's a bit of undergrowth and it would be good to see the plans come together.

"With the elderly population growing in South Staffordshire it will also cater for people's needs in Essington and allow residents to stay in the village. I had some concerns initially – I wasn't against the application but I had some highways concerns about traffic coming in and out."

South Staffordshire Council confirmed the application, which will go before planning bosses on April 8, had been received.

Dozens apply for cash to set up in empty city shops

ALMOST 60 people applied for a competition aimed at giving would-be business bosses in Wolverhampton the chance to set up shops in empty buildings and boost its retail scene.

Students and entrepreneurs have been applying for a share of a £50,000 package being offered as part of a project backed by TV star Mary Portas.

The completed applications contained business ideas ranging from photography, fashion, arts and craft, food and drink, educational and ecologically friendly goods.

As well as attracting interest from Wolverhampton and the rest of the West Midlands, people pitched their ideas from as far as Flintshire, Liverpool and Manchester.

Three winners will receive support including being handed the keys to vacant shops rent-free for six months and the opportunity to trade with nearly all running costs paid.

Develop

Organisers have now revealed that out of the 58 people who entered the idea2reality competition, a shortlist of 31 entries has now been drawn up. The next stage will allow the shortlisted applicants to meet up as they attend two workshops.

The workshops will provide support and advice to the entrepreneurs as they develop their ideas ready to pitch in front of a panel made up of local retail and business experts.

Wolverhampton was one of 12 successful bidders to be selected for the first round of national pilots, following the High Street Review undertaken last year by Mary Portas, dubbed TV's queen of shopping.

Villagers to have say on ideas for beauty spot

A CONSULTATION has been launched into plans to change a Wolverhampton beauty spot amid complaints from residents that they have not had their say.

There was anger when councillors discovered officers had come up with secret plans for a "sympathetic" adventure playground and a perimeter dog walk at Tettenhall Green.

Wolverhampton City Council had been looking to spend about £216,000 on the revamp using money it was expecting from developers.

Popular

This would have been in return for planning permission for homes at the former Tettenhall ambulance station and at the site of the former ADAS offices on Wergs Road.

But officers were urged to drop the plan when councillors and businesses said that Upper Green was popular as it was and were furious nobody had been consulted.

Residents are now in talks with the council about what they would like to see there. Suggestions include a heritage trail, the purchase and restoration of the pump house and remembrance sculpture. Planning officers said that they would consider the suggestions.

Dance academy to step into spotlight

Principal director Richard Meredith with, from left, Scott Wilkinson, Blaise Cartwright, Matthew Elliott, Leonie Price, Alex Elliott and Bethan Glover and the rest of the cast as they prepare for the Royal Albert Hall

STUDENTS from a dance academy are preparing to go under the spotlight on stage at the iconic Royal Albert Hall in London.

About 60 pupils from RSM Stage Academy in Fordhouses, Wolverhampton, will perform Bohemian Rhapsody when they take to the stage on April 6.

Preparations for the huge event, which will see 20 different schools from around the country perform, are already well under way.

Principal director Richard Meredith said: "It is an amazing opportunity for everyone involved. The Royal Albert Hall is one of the most iconic venues in the world and this means we are getting out there and recognised as an academy. It is a huge achievement for everyone involved."

Each year, more than 1,500 dance academies put themselves forward to perform at the Royal Albert Hall, with only 40 being selected.

Last April, academy students performed in a West End showcase at Sadler's Wells Theatre. The group also hosts workshops which focus on subjects including Disney musicals and pop songs. It held its annual showcase in November at Wolverhampton's Arena Theatre.

NEWS in brief

£404m profits for JLR in 3 months

JAGUAR Land Rover have announced £404 million profits for the last three months of 2012.

Bosses at the luxury car maker said sales of its Range Rover Evoque had helped boost profits, with figures showing that profit before tax was up 20 per cent to £1.2 billion.

The company, which is building a £355m engine factory at the i54 business park in Wolverhampton, sold 88,658 vehicles in the quarter, which was up 14 per cent on the same period in 2011.

Call goes out for school reunion

FORMER pupils from Wolverhampton Technical High School are invited to a reunion next month, for students who attended between 1946 and 1964.

It takes place at Oxley Park Golf Club in Stafford Road on Friday, March 1. Anyone who can attend should call 01902 845 034 or 01902 661682 before Sunday (24).

Tickets take-off for aircraft special

TICKETS have gone on sale for fans of classic aircraft to sit in the cockpits as part of an event at the RAF Museum Cosford.

A total of 300 tickets are available for the Open Cockpits Evening due to be held on May 18. Visitors will get after-hours access to the museum.

Admission by advance ticket only (£10). Details on**www.rafmuseum.org**

Bhangra dancing to help hospice

A NIGHT of Bhangra music and dancing is due to take place to raise funds for Compton Hospice.

Students from the business school at the University of Wolverhampton are putting on the event at Penn Bowling Club on March 1.

Tickets, which include the entertainment and a buffet, are £10 and available from 07932 231812.

Pc funeral date

THE funeral of a Wolverhampton police officer who died on a skiing holiday with colleagues in France will be on March 1 at St Paul's Church, Coven.

Pc Richard Williams, aged 32, who worked as a response officer in the city, collapsed in Val d'Isere on January 22.

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Designer shop banks on £500k city bar revamp

A FORMER bar in Wolverhampton city centre is to get a £500,000 refurbishment and a new lease of life as a designer clothes shop after lying empty for more than five years.

Gerald Bailey, the 44-year-old boss of the clothes chain Diffusion is taking over the former Midland Bank in Lichfield Street with his 45-year-old business partner Carl Peddie.

The building's most recent incarnation was as a bar called The Bank, but it closed in 2008 after its owners Laurel Pub Company went into administration and has been empty ever since, despite occupying one of the most prominent locations in the city centre.

The 4,500 sq ft building will be the new flagship for the firm that was launched by the pair from a small Broad Street shop in the city in 1989 and now has 14 other stores throughout the country employing 329 staff and a multi-million pound annual turnover.

Character

The Diffusion headquarters and shop currently housed in Victoria Street will relocate to the former bank, next to Wolverhampton Art Gallery, which has three times as much space.

Former Wednesfield High pupil Mr Bailey, who lives in Tettenhall, said: "This is the right move at the right time involving a building of remarkable character and history that will complement our premium clothes collection perfectly.

"The move is aimed at bolstering the regeneration of the city centre by encouraging visitors to shop there. This will be supported by the search for a regional streetwear designer whose clothing could be represented in the brand new store.

"Diffusion's in-house design team is looking to use the character and feel of this historical landmark, working with local Architects, Design to Build, and local construction company, Bespoke."

Looking to the future

The Wolverhampton Improving Futures team launch their new project

A PROJECT aimed at improving the futures of youngsters aged between five and 11 has been set up in Bilston.

The Learning Intervention Project was launched at Bilston Town Hall and aims to help children with behavioural issues who may be struggling at school and at home.

Youngsters will be offered one-to-one mentoring with trained adults who will give advice and support to parents and carers.

Project worker Michelle Brown, said: "Mentors bring families together. They will meet with the children for two to four hours each week and take them swimming, to the cinema or to libraries, something that parents will be able to maintain at home.

"Some of these children have a lot of people come in and out of their lives and need someone who will be a firm fixture for a period of one year."

For details or to become a mentor, phone 01902 328977.

Ex-Wolves player, 34, loses plea for jail cut

Jailed – Michael Branch

A FORMER Wolves striker who was jailed after being caught with £160,000 worth of cocaine has lost an appeal to have his prison sentence cut.

Michael Branch, aged 34, who also played for Everton, Birmingham City and Manchester City, was sentenced to seven years in prison at Chester Crown Court last November.

The former England under-21 international, of Liverpool, admitted possessing cocaine with intent to supply and supply of amphetamine.

Dismissing his Court of Appeal bid for a reduced sentence, three senior judges said Branch deserved all that he got. His barrister, Mr Peter Killen, told the court Branch had been a professional footballer, but developed a gambling problem, began drinking heavily and fell into debt.

Branch played for Wolves 71 times between 1999 and 2003

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Cloudy2Clear service Wolverhampton and the surrounding area and Brian is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated.'

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NEWS

Taxpayers' £73k bill for temp council workers

TWO temporary workers brought in by Wolverhampton City Council to help modernise outdated services will cost taxpayers £73,500 over six months, it has emerged.

The unnamed staff, who are working on daily rates of around £350, have been taken on as part of Wolverhampton City Council's shared services transformation programme, as 'share point developers'.

They are the latest in temporary appointments working on daily rates, which have included two directors who were on as much as £785 a day following a cull of some of the highest earning staff. It follows the appointment of four other temporary officers who will cost £187,350 in six months.

Necessary

Sue Davies, the council's head of employee relations, said the roles were needed as part of a major project to overhaul back office systems and improve payroll, human resources and computers.

She said: "It has been necessary to look for external resources for this role due to the lack of experience and skills internally."

The authority's ruling Labour cabinet also rubber-stamped the employment of a "temporary business analyst".

The role is being created as part of the controversial single status arrangements which will see 5,423 staff receive a pay rise and 1,242 staff get a pay cut as part of changes to iron out decades of inequality between men and women doing equivalent jobs. The analyst was employed from October to December last year and cost taxpayers £20,260.

The £785-a-day directors have now been replaced by full-time posts who will earn six-figure salaries.

Tribute to record breaker

Peter Radford unveils a picture of himself running at Aldersley Stadium, breaking the world record for 220 yards – 53 years later

A UNIQUE mural has been unveiled at a Wolverhampton leisure centre to honour an Olympic medallist and world record breaker from the Black Country.

Peter Radford smashed the world record time for 220 yards when he ran it in 20.5 seconds at Aldersley Stadium in May, 1960 and now his achievement has been commemorated at the venue 53 years later thanks to long-time fan John Margetts who funded the work.

The 73-year-old, who was born in Walsall but now lives in Oxfordshire, was a successful athlete in the 1960s and won a 100m bronze medal at the 1960 Rome Olympics.

Mr Radford described the unveiling at Aldersley Leisure Village as an "honour and a privilege" and added: "I was here from the very very beginning and had an enormous amount of my success here. It's a very special place to me. It's frankly astonishing that I'm being honoured all these years later.

"I'm now very happy to know that here in the heart of Aldersley there will always be a little place for me."

Mr Margetts funded and put together the mural with the help of local photographer David Cave and said: "He was a childhood hero of mine."

Tips on buying overseas

AN open day is due to be held for people interested in buying property overseas.

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Multicare service is so essential

I AM writing in response to your article regarding loss of funding by the council to Wolverhampton Multicare.

I feel that your article trivialised the service that Multicare provide. Parents do not simply use the service so that they can 'go out', although for some parents this is the only way they can take a break from their everyday stress.

Parents also use the service to enable them to spend quality time with their other children, doing activities that 'normal' families take for granted. Life is very restricted for families of severely disabled children, and siblings often miss out on so much. Parents also use the service so that they can do their grocery shopping as a trip to the supermarket is otherwise impossible due to potential meltdowns, sensory overload and challenging behaviour. Finally, parents use the service to enable them to go to work on school inset days, so it is not all about 'going out', partying and socialising.

Its about essential, everyday activities which would otherwise be impossible!

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Why this Labour silence?

THE coverage of the Stafford Hospital disgrace has been remarkable.

There has been condemnation of nurses, managers, doctors, board members and so on, all because their behaviour was driven to comply with targets and financial discipline imposed on them.

There has not been one single word of criticism of the authority that imposed the targets and disciplines. Remarkable!

Everyone seems scared to mention that it was the Labour Government!

If it had been a Conservative government, all the media and Labour lovelies would have been tramping through the television studios lambasting the Conservative Government.

Instead, silence!

A HAYNES
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Bring back standards of Cullis

THE Stan Cullis way is what is wanted at Wolves.

The present debacle Wolves are in is very sad, probably owing to some of the players. By their own admission they could have done better.

It reminds me of one match when, as the players were leaving the field at half time, Stan held one of the players back and walked him on the pitch, along the touch line.

"Have you lost anything Mr Cullis?" the player asked.

Stan replied: "I am looking for that hole where you have been hiding in all the first half."

That was a very rare occurrence because the players always gave their all under Stan.

If the majority of the Wolves, when they were the best club team in the world, were playing today and put on the transfer list, the club wishing to buy any one of them would require an IMF loan.

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Scepticism over allotment wait

I AM writing as chairman of the Coseley Allotments & Smallholders Co-operative Society Ltd (sorry about the longish title but it's private not council owned).

I read the article in the January 31 issue of the Wolverhampton Chronicle with interest and some scepticism.

As the person who has recently taken responsibility for allocating empty plots to new members I have not found an over abundance of people wanting allotments.

To prove my point, we advertised in the Express & Star last summer and got two replies but only one new member.

We did however fill our vacancies with a notice on the gates and by word of mouth. Ours is a large site established in 1916 and we get eight to ten plot vacancies over the course of a year through infirmity or other reasons.

Currently we have no one on our waiting list with one or more vacancies in the offing.

Most of our members are local to Coseley/Sedgley but several travel from further afield.

We are known locally as Hurst Hill Allotments.

The advert did not work well last time but as we will need new members this year any help or advise you can provide would be appreciated.

ROY EVANS
Tynedale Crescent
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NHS staff are the best that can be

IN support of the NHS I write this.

I have been in and out of hospital a number of times, lost count since 1977.

I cannot fault the service in any way.

Going back to the old Royal, New Cross, Stoke, Bodelwyddan, North Wales, in some I've been some weeks at a time.

All doctors, nurses, non med staff have been the best anyone could have.

I would not be writing this letter to you now but for the care of the NHS, at time of this letter I am 81 years.

Thanks NHS!

C HADLEY
Purcel Road
Wolverhampton

Drinks sales limit welcome

THE common sense attitude of council bosses in Wolverhampton to limit the number of shops selling alcohol in a city area is not before time.

We are all aware of the consequences that drink can cause and this is often seen on a Friday and Saturday across the country.

The bigger picture to this is that families suffer, resources are strained, not to mention the cost to one's health!

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BRIDGE CORNER

THIS looked like a boring One No Trump hand (weak) until North got stuck in.

He bid Two Hearts, asking South to bid spades. He obviously had a five-card spade suit and South duly obliged.

Back to North, who then bid Three Diamonds. With three-card support in spades, South bid three of the suit and North ended the bidding with Four Spades.

West led the jack of diamonds and as soon as Dummy was disclosed the advantage of the transfer bid was obvious.

Had East been on lead and led a feasible jack of hearts, North/South would have been three tricks down before Declarer could do anything about it.

The key card is the jack of diamonds lead. This is covered by the queen. Most Easts then put up the king, South playing the ace.

Declarer was able to discard one of North's heart losers on the ace of clubs. He then played ace and king of spades and a third round to the jack.

West does best to duck this, but an avalanche of diamonds means he is eventually forced to ruff in with the queen while North still has access to Dummy with a trump for any remaining diamonds.

Just one table succeeded in defeating the contract – by playing low to the jack of diamonds at trick one. Without establishing the diamonds and due to the unfortunate spade split, it was doomed to fail. *– Bill*

North: ♠ AK1075 ♥ 943 ♦ Q10984 ♣ – – –

West: ♠ Q932 ♥ AQ86 ♦ J ♣ 8765

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South: ♠ J84 ♥ K52 ♦ A32 ♣ AJ92

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GPS devices will track officers out on beat

MINI radio computers that will allow the police control room to pinpoint officers out on the beat are being rolled out across the West Midlands.

The force has introduced the new piece of technology, which uses top-of-the-range GPS signals and a hi-tech mapping system, to allow better deployment of resources.

It will mean staff in control rooms will be able to find the best-placed officer for individual jobs across the region.

Superintendent Chris Johnson said the introduction of the system marked a major step forward in officer safety and how staff were deployed to incidents.

He explained: "The Automatic Resource Location System helps us understand where all our officers are so that we can send the right officers to respond swiftly to calls from the public.

Quicker

"They also cuts down the amount of voice traffic on the radio as contact centre staff can send important information in the form of text messages, directly to radios linked to the mapping system, giving another important operational benefit.

"Perhaps most importantly it will help us to ensure officer safety, as we will always be able to locate an officer in trouble, and send the nearest resource to help them out.

The system works through the Airwave digital radio network, meaning each terminal registered on that network can locate individual officers using GPS technology.

Combined with a new mapping system, the control room will be able to see at a glance exactly where officers are located, allowing more effective deployment.

Pupils' golden opportunity

Pupils from St Luke's were the first school party to visit Wolves Museum

PUPILS cemented their close links with Wolves by becoming the first school to visit the club's new museum.

The 16 pupils are all taught at St Luke's Church of England Primary School in Park Street South, Blakenhall, which was involved in the formation of the world- famous football club.

In 1876 two teenage apprentice teachers at the school advertised for "any gentlemen interested" to join them in forming Goldthorn Football Club and this became known as Wolverhampton Wanderers soon afterwards.

Ian Spooner, the 36-year-old higher level teaching assistant at the school who took the party from its after-school football club on the two-hour tour, said: "As a Wolves fan, it is fantastic to know that I am working at the school where the club started. It is local history for the kids."

The Wolves museum opened late last year and formed part of the £18 million revamp of the Molineux Stadium's Stan Cullis Stand.

Abba aid for hospice

DANCING queens are being sought by Wolverhampton's Compton Hospice as it wants to whisk music fans back to the 70s at an Abba tribute night next month.

Headliners at the event on March 2 at Wolverhampton Racecourse are Bootleg Abba. There will be a meal, charity auction and disco with tickets at £24.95.

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NEWS

Thugs who targeted rival fans are banned

FOUR football thugs who targeted and punched opposition fans in the street have been banned from attending Wolves games for a combined total of 10 years.

After Wolves' game against Derby County at Molineux last August the four men threatened away supporters who were walking to Wolverhampton Railway Station.

Wolverhampton Magistrates' Court heard how one of the offenders – Shaun Jones – was seen to run into the main group of Derby fans before punching one in the face.

Provoke

The men, who continued to shout abuse and tried to provoke the Derby fans, were recognised by police and were arrested and later charged with affray.

Wolverhampton residents Ward Morgan, aged 24, of Goldthorn Hill, and 22-year-old Jones, of Park Lane, Fallings Park, pleaded guilty to threatening and intimidating behaviour.

Mckenzie Smith, aged 19, of Sand Bank in Bloxwich, and Chad Bettelley, 20, of Temple Row, Willenhall, faced the same charges and also pleaded guilty. Morgan and Jones were banned from football matches for four years. Smith and Bettelley each received a 12-month banning order as they already had football bans – believed to be three years long – imposed in December for other matters.

by Tom Mason

Sergeant Donna Jones, from West Midlands Police's Football unit, said the group was well known to police football spotters for intimidating behaviour.

The banning orders mean that the men will not be able to enter any town or city where Wolves are playing three hours before kick-off, during the match and three hours after the final whistle.

Morgan, Jones and Smith will also have to attend the Think Smart programme.

Mckenzie Smith, aged 19

20-year-old Chad Bettelley

Shaun Jones, aged 22

Ward Morgan, aged 24

Firms urged to Step up with placement project

THE University of Wolverhampton is urging local businesses to attend the annual launch of a work placement programme at its Science Park.

Step Placement gives students and graduates access to paid placements. The university said the scheme is risk free and cost effective for businesses.

Talks by local companies and graduates who have used the scheme will feature at the launch next Wednesday (27) from 9.30am to 1pm.

Simon Brandwood, head of careers at the university, said Step was a cost effective way of having future graduate employees on trial. The university said it had a 93 per cent success rate in finding students full time work through the programme.

For more information, visit www.wlv.ac.uk/steplaunch.

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MEMORY LANE

The Crooked House, Himley, where staff and regulars report having seen two resident ghosts

Special night-with-a-fright events are held at the Station Hotel to give customers plenty of spirits with their drink

Have a spirit chaser at region's haunted pubs

by Tom Mason

THE Black Country has long been a hub of the UK pub trade with some of the country's biggest breweries originating in the towns and cities of the region.

And although many of the names have died or have been forgotten the people that once drank their beer are still believed to be lingering at many of the area's pubs.

Many claim to be haunted and with so many hours spent at the bar by loyal patron's maybe it is not surprising that some chose to stay long after last orders are called.

One of the best known haunted establishments is the Crooked House, Coppice Mill Lane, Himley, which is famous for its slanted appearance caused by subsidence under the property built in 1765 as part of the estate of Sir Stephen Glynne.

The pub is believed to be haunted by two ghosts, one of a short old man in his sixties, who silently enters the bar before disappearing, and the other a young parlour maid, known locally as Polly.

Many staff and customers are said to have seen the apparitions.

Up the road, The Dudley Arms is another of Himley's haunted pubs.

Residents of the area often report lights going off and on in the building even when it is empty.

The pub itself has an interesting history with visits from King Edward VIII before his abdication.

Double murderer Neville Heath visited the pub in 1954 before committing his crimes later that year.

It is believed that one of the pub's many former landlords are responsible for the goings on.

Dudley's Station Hotel is another of the West Midlands haunted pubs and often holds special nights for visitors who want a fright. The original hotel on the site was built in 1910 but later replaced by the current building in 1936.

Situated across the road from the now abandoned Hippodrome, the hotel has played host to famous actors for years including Bob hope, Bing Crosby and George Formby.

Beneath the hotel lies a network of old tunnels and cellars, which witnessed a tragic event more than 200 years ago.

According to legend, one of the previous landlords of a pub that once stood near the site took a young servant girl down below to look for a leg of pork. However he had another reason to take her down into the cellars and after a fight, the landlord beat her to death and hid her body in a vat of ale.

Staff reportedly claim to hear the cries of the young girl to this day.

Guests have also reported a man dressed all in black standing at the foot of their bed and by the window in the early hours of the morning.

Strange goings-on at the The Dudley Arms, Himley, which has been the haunt of a king and a double murderer

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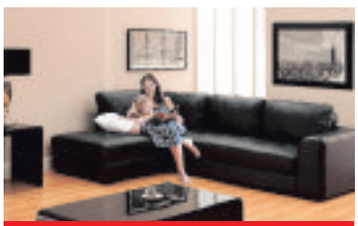

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NEWS

Olympic Games fans gather around at the auction of London 2012 items

Olympics auction strikes right note with collectors

FROM a gigantic model piano played by Gary Barlow during the London Games to a steam iron that was used in the Olympic village – collectors travelled in their droves to get their hands on treasures from the sporting extravaganza.

Hundreds of collectors and traders flocked to the Black Country for the first of two huge auctions selling memorabilia, equipment and furniture from last year's Olympic Games.

BCF Furniture Outlet's 66,000sq ft warehouse, in Bull Lane, Wednesbury, was packed out as people arrived to put in their bids for the gems on offer. And the most interest was reserved for the memorabilia sale where props used by Take That during the games' lavish closing ceremony were up for grabs.

Heritage

The lots were bought up by businessmen Phil Nicholls and Kevin Scott, both of Wolverhampton, who said they had wanted to ensure the items stayed in the UK.

Mr Scott, a film industry specialist, said: "It is surprising how many of these items may have ended up overseas such as in the United States. We wanted to make sure they remained in the UK. The games took place in London and it was a once-in-a-lifetime event. These items are now a part of our heritage.

"They will be staying in the UK and staying in the Black Country."

His business partner Mr Nicholls, a property developer from Bilston, said his wife Debbie and daughter Phoebe were massive Take That fans and would be delighted with the purchases.

Phil Nicholls bought a piano used by Take That during the closing ceremony

More than 70 lorries were needed to transfer all the items, a combined total of 3,000 lots, to the warehouse in Wednesbury.

The sale was organised by BCF Furniture Outlet. Another event will be held on February 27 and 28 to sell off the remaining lots.

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Skate park scheme hits a wall as residents protest

PLANS to build a skate park in Wombourne have come under fire from residents, who say the development would attract anti-social behaviour and noise.

by Will Ackermann

Wombourne Parish Council hopes to open the facility on the Brickbridge playing fields, off Brickbridge Lane, by the summer.

But chairman Alan Hinton said he had received calls from residents living nearby who opposed the idea.

He said: "It's caused quite a stir with 'Nimbys', even though it's not really close to any houses.

Ideas

"I understand that playgrounds do generate noise and attract graffiti, but this particular bit of land is a good 300 yards from the nearest homes.

"We expected this response and this is not something we want to rush into. We want everyone to have their say."

A public consultation into the proposals will be held at the council offices, on Gravel Hill, on March 16, between 10am and 12pm.

Residents can also share design and fundraising ideas at another meeting tonight (Thurs) at 7pm, also at the council offices.

Mr Hinton stressed that many more people approved of the idea than opposed it.

The plans were drawn up after young people had been calling for a skate park in the area for years, he added. "For every disagreement we've got there are hundreds more kids wanting us to do it," he said.

Councillor Jackie Granger is calling on local firms willing to help fund the project to contact her on 01902 897 592.

Community complex at day centre

An artist's impression

A FORMER day centre and mental health unit in Wombourne will be transformed into a retirement complex for older people under new plans which have been unveiled.

The scheme would see St David's House and Wombourne Day Centre in the village flattened to make way for more than 50 apartments. The development would also have facilities which would be opened up for members of the public.

Support

A planning application for the work on the site on Planks Lane has been lodged with South Staffordshire District Council.

In total 52 apartments will be built as part of the scheme, 35 two-bedroom and 17 one-bedroom. There will also be an on-site team to provide housing management and care and support.

The scheme also includes a cafe, internet lounge, indoor and outdoor gym.

Staffordshire County Council has drawn up the plans and is working alongside the district council as well as Wrekin Housing Trust, Choices Housing Association and development firm Willmott Dixon.

Advice is just the business

ENTREPRENEURS will be able to get advice on starting a business at a training session in Wombourne this weekend.

The enterprise club, which is being run by South Staffordshire Council, will be held at Wombourne Library, in the main hall, on Saturday (23) from 9.30am to 1pm.

Shangy Randhawa from Wombourne Travel with the large pothole

Potholes give minicab firms a bumpy ride

POTHOLES in Wombourne are causing a bumpy situation for minicab drivers, who are calling for action to be taken.

Wombourne Travel Limited is planning to raise the issue at a meeting with other local taxi firms next month.

Manager Tony Ranhawa said he would be rallying together a group to confront Staffordshire County Council about the problem.

Identified

He said: "It's a nightmare. They're at every junction. Some of them are about 2ft wide and 6ins deep. The council is just bodging them. They'll fix them one week and they're back the next.

"It's damaging our vehicles and we are sick of it."

In January, the council announced it had invested £500,000 to tackle the increasing number of potholes across the county.

Spokesperson Paula Wright said: "In the last six months, we have identified 6,500 potholes – a 50 per cent increase on the previous year.

"When it comes to repair we utilise the latest technologies."

Class way for young to brush up skills

DISABLED children will be taking part in circus skills workshops, animal therapy sessions and a DJ masterclass in Wombourne.

The activities are part of the Caudwell Children charity's Asdan programme, which aims to provide skills for employment and independent living.

The classes are being funded by Staffordshire County Council. They will run every Saturday until March 9 at Wombourne Community Centre, in Church Road.

More than 20 children took part in the first event on February 9, an arts and crafts session.

Trudi Beswick, chief executive of caudwell children, said the programme had made a "huge difference" since it launched in 2011. For more information call 01782 600263.

Artist captures Black Country

PAINTINGS by a Wombourne artist are on show at Wolverhampton Art Gallery.

Brian Steventon's works depicting Black Country scenes will be at the Lichfield Street gallery until April 19. The exhibition, entitled Poet Painter of the Black Country, focuses on the work of 19th century artist Edwin Butler Bayliss.

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Betty is free from pain after having implants

A WOMAN who had suffered years of pain with two jaw conditions has finally found relief after undergoing dental implant surgery.

Betty had worn dentures for many years but developed neuralgia and her trigeminal nerve had become inflamed.

"I had terrible jaw pain and suffered pins and needles in the side of my head and tongue. It's a terrible condition. I'd had an MRI scan and had seen a specialist, but was still without relief," she says.

Clinical dental technician Mr Burchell had made dentures for Betty seven years ago and she returned to his clinic to inquire about a new prescription because the lower denture had lost its stability.

"I had put up with the floating effect of my lower denture and needed to address the problem. My lower gum had receded so much my denture was pressing down on a nerve and causing me pain," she adds.

"Steven explained the benefits of implant-retained dentures and told me it would allow my bite to be opened some more. Since having the implants on my lower denture, I have experienced no more pain."

Mr Burchell said all dentures have a shelf life and Betty's denture problem was due to shrinkage of her gums – a naturally occurring aging process.

"We hoped for an improved outcome on her condition, but never dreamed that the final clinical result could be so rewarding with Betty being free from pain," he adds.

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Prison for burglar who took treasured photos

A BURGLAR who stole a family's treasured photographs and left them frightened to go out has been jailed for three years.

The mother of the household targeted in the raid said the family had lost irreplaceable wedding photos and hundreds of pictures of her three children. Following the burglary, her children, aged five, four and two, would not go upstairs on their own and she was frightened to leave the house in case it was burgled again, a court heard.

Lee Heaven, aged 39, of Hobgate Road, Heath Town, Wolverhampton, admitted burglary in Woodsetton, and stealing items including a TV, laptop computer, games console, watch, camcorder and pillow case, worth a total of about £2,500.

Blood

He told police a friend had asked him to transport a TV he had bought and realised it was a burglary only when he arrived.

But Mr Paul Reid, prosecuting, told Wolverhampton Crown Court that Heaven's blood was found on the frame of the kitchen window which had been smashed in the burglary on December 14. Heaven then admitted he had been inside the property.

The family, who had gone out at 2.30pm, discovered the burglary when they returned home at 6.40pm and could not get in because the door was bolted from the inside.

Heaven had been released on licence from prison for another burglary when the offence happened, the court heard.

Mr David Bratt, defending, said Heaven, a father of four, acknowledged that any intrusion into a person's property would cause distress.

Emma's a real gem

Emma Jesson at Rudells Jewellers to mark the its 75th anniversary

HER relationship with Coronation Street actor Bill Roache may have ended, but Emma Jesson still had a reason to celebrate Valentine's Day.

The TV weather presenter was in Wolverhampton, where she was the face of a new range of jewellery launched to mark the 75th anniversary of Wolverhampton jeweller Rudell's.

Miss Jesson, aged 44, and Mr Roache, who plays Ken Barlow in Coronation Street, recently ended their almost three-year relationship.

She was at Rudell's in Darlington Street to launch Legacy, a limited edition range of 75 pendants, designed by Rudell's and shaped like two Js in honour of the company's founder Justin John Rudell. Miss Jesson was friends with Justin Rudell's son Anthony, who took over the business and ran it for more than 40 years before his death in 2011.

Emma with ex-partner, actor Bill Roache

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A QUESTIONNAIRE that will allow residents in Perton to have their say on controversial changes to a bus service in the village is being distributed to residents.

The survey was drawn up after operators agreed to review the number 10 service to Perton after protests by residents, councillors and an MP. They want the number 10 Wolverhampton to Perton service changed as it covers three quarters of The Parkway – a road circling the village – rather than going all the way as the previous service did.

The previous 510 service was changed 18 months ago – leaving two bus shelters unused.

£2.5bn BT broadband speed-up to aid region

HOMES across the Black Country will be among 245,000 in the West Midlands to get the latest high-speed fibre broadband as part of a £2.5 billion project by BT.

The move will see homes and businesses in Finchfield, Wolverhampton,Tipton, Oldbury and Hagley benefit.

Expansion includes investment in making fibre broadband more widely available in areas already with the high-speed technology or due to receive it.

The move, to be completed by Spring 2014, is expected to create jobs and boost the economy. Other area to benefit include Chelmsley Wood, Stechford and parts of Aston in Birmingham.It will take the total number of premises with access to fibre broadband in the region to more than 1.7 million.

Prosperous

John Dovey BT West Midlands regional director, said: "It will be a key part of our economic revival as we finally shrug off the effects of the downturn and create a better, more prosperous future."

Board member of Black Country Chamber of Commerce Ninder Johal said: "I am pleased that the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership has played a vital role in ensuring that we have a consistent policy towards broadband in the Black Country."

BT says more than 13 million UK premises can already access fibre broadband and the figure rises by about 100,000 weekly.

Primary rises up the Ofsted rankings

A WOLVERHAMPTON school has risen up the Ofsted rankings in its latest report, with inspectors praising 'rapidly-improved' standards.

Eastfield Primary School, Colliery Road, was previously judged satisfactory but has risen to a good rating.

Inspectors ranked the school good for areas including the achievement of pupils, the quality of teaching, the behaviour and safety of pupils, and its leadership and management.

The key findings included that pupils make good progress throughout the school often from very low starting points, and youngsters are now broadly average in their English and maths skills by the end of Year 6.

Teaching is good, some outstanding, and pupils enjoy themselves and behave.

Praise as school in top 100 of most improved

A WOLVERHAMPTON school has been congratulated by the schools minister after being named in the top 100 most improved schools in the country.

Congratulatory letters were sent out to eight schools in the Black Country and Staffordshire from David Laws MP, celebrating their efforts. Among them was the King's Church of England School, Tettenhall.

Principal John Allin was delighted the accolade came just months after it opened new facilities at Regis Road.

He said: "These are exciting times. Our church school ethos emphasises the importance of learning. There is an absolute concentration on teaching and opportunities outside the classroom.

Testimony

"This is testimony to the hard work of colleagues, governors and students themselves."

Ellowes Hall Sports College, in Lower Gornal, was also in the top 100, after being named top school in Dudley for its GCSE results. Old Swinford Hospital school in Stourbridge, and Stafford Sports College and Wolgarston High School, both in Staffordshire, were also among the schools to receive plaudits.

Guru helps bring tale of Desert Rat to life

A WAR veteran's story has been brought to book by a millionaire advertising guru who is a former Wolverhampton graduate.

Alex Franks, an honorary member of Hednesford branch of the Staffordshire Regimental Association, was an ambulance driver with the 7th Armoured Division, The Desert Rats. He experienced every major battle of the North African Campaign from his indestructible Morris commercial 'Blood Tub' as it was known.

Now aged 93, his story has been published by Trevor Beattie, who has funded trips to the French battlefields for association veterans.

The group hosted a book signing at its base in Anglesey Street which was attended by Mr Beattie, a former Wolverhampton Polytechnic graduate.

He said: "Alex is a rare breed of hero and a born survivor. It's an incredibly powerful piece of work."

Alex Franks and Trevor Beattie with war veterans and guests at the launch

The former Desert Rat with his book

Alex Franks at the age of 21 in 1941

Dossier

Alex, who was brought up in Oldbury now lives in Wheaton Aston. The memoirs, called Noncombatant, were dictated by Alex to his old comrade-in-arms, the late Tom Swallow after the pair met up in 1987 for the first time since they were in a Russian concentration camp together.

They remained in dossier form until Staffordshire Regimental Association members sent them to Mr Beattie.

Alex, who later worked for Albright & Wilson in Oldbury, said: "I'd wanted my grandchildren to know the story but I didn't think it was good enough to be published."

Alex, who had been confined in the concentration camps of Italy, discovered that time as a prisoner affected his working life,finding being "shut up" in the factory difficult. After 12 months he was given a chauffeur job which he held until he retired.

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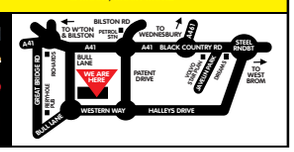

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NEWS

Two city areas worst in UK for qualifications

TWO constituencies in Wolverhampton have been named among the worst in the country for the number of people with qualifications.

The analysis, by the University and College Union, shows Wolverhampton North East has the fourth-highest proportion of adults without qualifications in England, Scotland and Wales.

More than one in four, 25.6 per cent, of the working age population of Wolverhampton North East has no qualifications, while Wolverhampton South East, with 23.2 per cent, is ranked 10th.

Birmingham Hodge Hill was second nationally, and Birmingham Hall Green was ninth, meaning the region accounted for four in 10 of the hotspots.

Campaign

The research found that 23 out of 28 West Midlands constituencies had a higher percentage of people with no qualifications than in the rest of Britain.

At the other end of the scale however, it was revealed that in Stourbridge, just nine per cent of people have no qualifications. In Birmingham Selly Oak, it was 6.8 per cent, and 6.1 per cent in Solihull.

The UCU ranked all 632 parliamentary constituencies in England, Scotland and Wales according to the percentage of people of working age, those between 16-64, who have no qualifications.

The release of the analysis coincides with the launch of a new campaign to promote the so-called 'knowledge economy' and its contribution to the country – including possible job creation.

Hi Ho! Kicking off first book

Wolves fanatic Graham Large has written his first book on the club

LIFELONG Wolves fan Graham Large is putting pen to paper to write his first book recording the club's rollercoaster season.

The 28-year-old season ticket holder has secured a deal with The History Press to publish Hi Ho Wolverhampton.

The marketing executive had originally pitched the idea for his book on the unexpected appointment of former manager Ståle Solbakken.

But when the Norwegian was abruptly sacked following the team's defeat to Luton in the FA Cup and replaced by Dean Saunders, he was forced to re-think his plan. Graham, of Ackleton, near Wolverhampton, who has sat in the Billy Wright Stand for 20 years, has been asking fellow fans for their feedback on the team's performance and has also lined up exclusive interviews.

"The structure of the book is similar to a diary format beginning with a chapter summarising Wolves' recent history and then a chapter for each month of the season."

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NEWS

MP's anger over job ads on EU website

TENS of thousands of jobs in the West Midlands are being advertised to overseas workers via a European Union scheme, it has been revealed.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin wants an explanation after finding 33,000 vacancies, including hundreds in the Black Country and Staffordshire, were being promoted online via the Europa Job Mobility website funded by taxpayers.

The jobs are uploaded to the website by Jobcentre Plus, which also advertises them locally. Labour MP Mr Austin said the scheme was a scandal at a time when scores of public sector jobs are being axed in the region.

The website lists 41 NHS jobs in the Black Country – including 25 nursing posts – when 2,300 frontline nursing jobs have been lost since 2010. The jobs included 21 posts in Dudley, three in Sandwell, nine in Wolverhampton and eight in Walsall. In manufacturing, nine jobs are offered in Dudley, six in Wolverhampton and five in Walsall.

There are 26 jobs in sales and marketing on the Europa website, 18 in Wolverhampton. In Wolverhampton, with one of the highest youth unemployment rates in the country, a city vacancy has been posted for a trainee chef.

House plant shoots up

Pat and Mick Spencer with the 40in house plant

A GREEN-FINGERED couple from Bilbrook are amazed after a house plant they received for Christmas reached new heights and grew more than 40 inches tall.

Pat, aged 70, and Mick Spencer, 68, of Orchard Lane were given Narcissus Tazetta bulbs by their daughter Angela as a present in December. The white-flowered species usually grows to around 20in but has more than doubled that in less than two months, and Mrs Spencer said it is still growing. The retired gardener said: "I can't believe it. It just keeps getting bigger and bigger."

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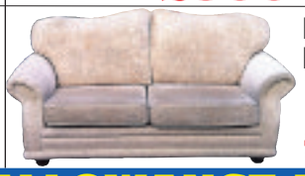
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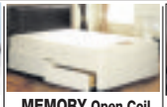
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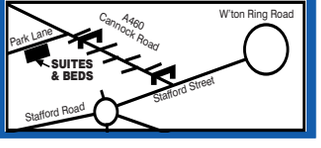

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NEWS

Bantock House house steward Ross Young with exhibits

1910 – Craddocks shoe store in Queen Square

The buildings remain but the shops have changed

Exhibits trade memories

by Mark Andrews

ONE can only assume that Mr Wassell liked his tea. Or specifically his Liverpool tea, which he ordered in considerable quantities from John Barrington and Co at the Royal London Buildings in Wolverhampton.

Because he bought 10 parcels of it during a visit to the store in 1935. And then he was back another three months later, to buy some more.

Quite why Mr Wassell, of Wallbrook Street, Coseley, bought quite so much tea is not explained, it may well have been that he was a trade customer. What is beyond doubt is the way little artefacts like this, and the nicely preserved orange tea caddy beneath it, bring back memories in the way no history book can.

The Open All Hours exhibition, which runs until the end of March, recalls the way people from Wolverhampton have done their shopping in the past, and how retail habits have changed over the years.

Central Wolverhampton is the focus of a display in an upstairs room at Bantock House Museum, while the city archives at the Molineux Hotel look at Bilston and Wednesfield.

Childhood

"The thing that strikes you is how many shops there used to be, there used to be lots of independent stores, whereas now you just see a few big national chains," says Helen Steatham of Bantock House.

Helen says it has also brought back many personal memories of her own childhood, particularly regarding the old Central Arcade in Dudley Street, which was destroyed by fire in 1974.

Some of the exhibits, such as the Muldivo mechanical calculator which was once a common sight in many workplaces, will no doubt be familiar to many visitors. Others, such as a cherry toothpaste jar made by Wolverhampton-based Reade Bros, probably sometime around the late 19th century, tell us how previous generations would have lived.

Memories will also be stirred by the potted history of Reynolds Restaurant in Queen Square, opened by William Benjamin Reynolds in 1881, and one of Wolverhampton's most respected dining spots until it closed in 1966.

While the exhibition focuses solely on Wolverhampton, it does represent a broad picture of how shopping has changed over the West Midlands since the 19th century

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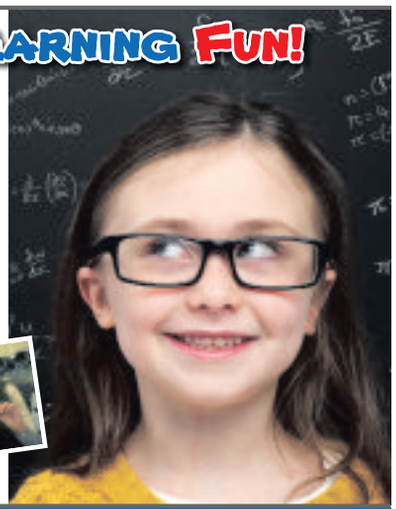

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NEWS

Roof refurb for council homes in £12m work

A £12 MILLION project to refurbish roofs on council homes is to be launched. Around 1,500 properties in Wolverhampton will undergo repairs.

The work will take five years. The authority is also set to fund work on privately-owned homes, which share chimneys and guttering with an adjacent property that is council-owned.

The project will begin in April, with 35 homes being worked on in the first 12 months.

It has been drawn up to replace pitched and flat-roof coverings as a high number of council-owned properties still have the original roof coverings with only minimal repairs and maintenance carried out over the years.

Quality

The project will also include replacement fascias and guttering.

It comes as more than 90 newly-refurbished apartments become available as part of the Decent Homes programme, which has seen a total of £14m invested to refurbish 228 apartments at Wodensfield Tower and William Bentley Court in Wednesfield.

by Helen Brown

David Poyner, chairman of the Vauxhall Residents Association near West Park, said: "If the money is available for something like this, then it is good news."

A report on the proposals was due to go before a meeting of the city council's cabinet resouce panel this week.

Lesley Roberts, chief executive of Wolverhampton Homes, said: "We are progressing well with a project to refurbish council homes across the city. This additional roof replacement programme will ensure that we provide good quality homes for all tenants.

The majority of the council housing was built in the 1940s so the roofs are now over 60 years old.

Keep on dancing

Members of Dance Direct, including Yvette and Gary Edwards along with Bill and Caroline Knight

TWINKLE-TOED dancers are celebrating 20 years of strutting their stuff. Dance Direct was launched by 50-year-old Yvette Edwards who needed a new venture after leaving her job as an estate agent.

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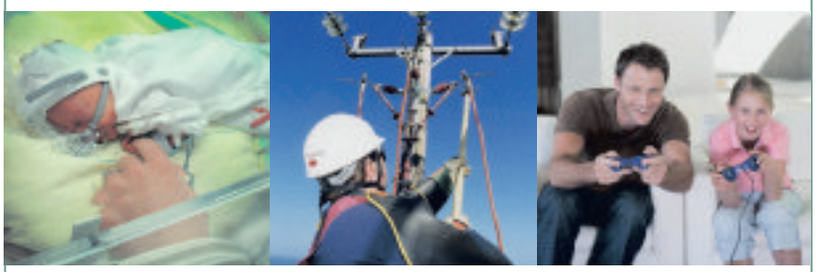

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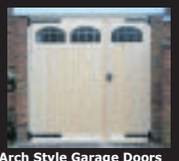

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NEWS

Vintage fair spans the decades

With their vintage clothes at the retro fair are Dawn Melis, Brigita Gumbute and Ellen Roberts

THE sights and sounds of decades gone by were brought back to life during an event in Wolverhampton.

A vintage fair was held in the city themed around the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s. There was a range of stalls selling clothing, jewellery and other retro products from the three decades at the fair at the Numa Bar in North Street.

Organiser Dawn Mellis, from Wolverhampton's Vintage Fairs, said the fair was the latest in a series of events that have taken place in the city.

"We had lots of people through the door and it was a great atmosphere," she said. "The idea behind these events came from the fact that all of the good vintage fairs take place elsewhere in the county but none here.

"The first one we organised was in Tettenhall and it went really well, then we had one at the Wulfrun Hall and had 1,400 through the door."

Eighteen stalls selling 1940s clothing, handmade jewellery, reworked fashion and vintage makeovers were featured. Those who went along were also able to try some retro-themed cocktails.

There was also a clothes swap for people to switch some items from their wardrobe.

Outdoor gym tribute to councillor

A NEW outdoor gym costing almost £20,000 will soon be installed in Perton.

The facility will be named in memory of Perton parish and South Staffordshire district councillor David Billson who died in November after battling a brain tumour.

It will be built on land currently used as a picnic area in the heart of the village next to the multi-use games area near the library. Councillors say it will feature nine pieces of exercise equipment for people to use and it has been manufactured by a British company.

The scheme was drawn up after Perton Parish council consulted residents about plans for three projects in the village and asked which they would most like to see built.

Most voted in favour of the outdoor gym and councillors say the idea was backed by a range of people, both young and old.

Perton Parish Council chairman Roy Moreton said: "The new gym is being put in to help people keep active for longer."

Councillor Billson, who was 69, served Perton as a member of the parish council and also represented Perton at South Staffordshire District Council and Staffordshire County Council.

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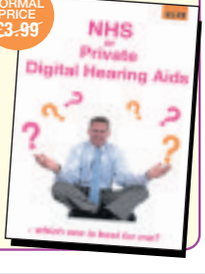

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NEWS

Farewell as Johnson to rock Robin for last time

Guitarist Wilko Johnson in action in more recent times

Dr Feelgood in the 1970s with Wilko Johnson on the left

THERE'S always one farewell tour or another on the concert circuit but for former Dr Feelgood guitarist Wilko Johnson, his appearance at Bilston's Robin 2 next month really will be his last appearance at the venue.

Diagnosed with inoperable pancreatic cancer late last year and given less than 12 months to live, he will hit the road on a short tour to bid a final farewell to fans after similar gigs in Japan and France.

"I had this diagnosis just before Christmas and at that time they told me I could expect to live for just under a year," he says on the phone from his Essex home.

Reaction

"At the moment I feel absolutely fine, I'm not ill in any way. It's funny, I'm walking round feeling fit as a fiddle but you get one little stomach ache or something and you think 'Oh, it's started'.

"I've got every reasonable hope of being able to do these things, the farewell concerts and then, well, that will be farewell."

The 65-year-old guitarist, known for his choppy rhythm and blues sound and intensely manic, bug-eyed performances, lost his beloved wife, Irene, to

by Ian Harvey

cancer eight years ago. However, his reaction to his own diagnosis has been one bordering on euphoria.

"I have remained calm throughout this," he says. "In fact I've been in very high spirits, most unusual for me. It's a kind of positive feeling. It makes you feel very, very alive.

"I think it's probably worse for my friends and so on because they want to help you but obviously there's nothing they can do.

Johnson has refused chemotherapy, saying: "It's not a clever drug, it attacks everything. So in effect what you're doing is making yourself terribly ill in an attempt to destroy this tumour."

Johnson parted ways with Dr Feelgood in 1977. He is due to play the Robin 2 on March 7. The concert is sold out.

Runaway children focus

A PIONEERING £1 million research project into runaway and homeless children who sleep rough is being launched by the University of Wolverhampton.

The research will focus on vulnerable children who are victims of sexual exploitation or abuse, and can also be perpetrators of crime to survive on the streets in cities across Europe. The two-year Children Rough Sleepers project has received funding from the European Union DAPHNE fund.

The researchers will interview children from the streets to find out about their experiences and needs, and work with organisations, such as social workers, health and education staff, police and victim support, to share their findings.

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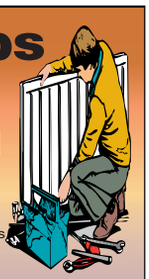

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999 staff clocking up four weeks overtime

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West Midland Ambulance Service's 4,000 workers recorded a total of 554,705 hours in overtime last year – about 139 hours a year each. The staff get paid one-and-a-half times their hourly rate for the overtime, equating to around £3 million over a year. More than 90 per cent of the extra hours was shared between clinical workers including paramedics and call centre operators.

The figures, obtained by a Freedom of Information Act request, showed that December and January was by far the busiest time for staff taking overtime.

Chief executive Anthony Marsh said the service has faced an increase in call-outs compared with previous years. Over the festive period, the service was forced to cancel training of some staff and non-essential meetings.

Thousands of tenants face benefit cut in 'bedroom tax'

MORE than 14,600 council tenants in the region will have their benefits cut by up to £100 a week from April because they have spare rooms.

by Daniel Wainwright

Figures show housing benefit changes dubbed "the bedroom tax" will hit up to 15 per cent of council and social housing tenants across the Black Country and Staffordshire in April and housing providers are having to help people work out how to manage their money.

Downsize

The cut does not apply to pensioners and the Government has said it is trying to cut council house waiting lists by freeing up larger homes for families when the waiting list in the Black Country runs to tens of thousands of people.

In Wolverhampton, 132 tenants have so far said they want to downsize but there are 3,000 facing the cut.

Latest figures show that 4,912 council house tenants in Sandwell, out of 29,787 in total, are affected, as are 3,000 in Wolverhampton, out of a total 23,500.

A further 3,418 homes in Dudley, out of 24,000 council houses, have spare rooms as do 600 in Cannock Chase, out of 5,400 properties. A further 2,709 homes rented through Walsall Housing Group are also "under-occupied".

Housing benefit is worth £250 to £400 a week but tenants with a spare bedroom face a cut of 14 per cent and people with two or more spare rooms face a 25 per cent reduction.

Sandwell Homes said it had re-homed 410 households since last year because they wanted to downsize.

Councillor Simon Hackett, cabinet member for housing said: "Around 4,900 council tenants in Sandwell can expect to lose an average of £747 a year. The new rules will make it difficult for a lot of people who are already struggling to make ends meet."

Unveiling look of new £25m city uni science block

NEW images have been released showing what a new £25 million science block at the University of Wolverhampton would look like.

What the new science block will look like

It comes as plans for the scheme, which would see the five-storey MB building which fronts onto Stafford Street transformed, are lodged with city council planning chiefs.

Education chiefs have revealed that a current single-storey extension will be demolished on the site to make way for a bigger six-storey building covering more than 6,000sq metres.

The building will feature lab facilities for around 2,500 undergraduate and postgraduate students and be home to around 150 staff.

It will also include an area from Stafford Street through which the public can view the inside of the building and see experiments and teaching in action. The new building would reopen as part of a phased approach, with the first part opening in September 2014 and the remainder in December 2014.

The project is part of a £45m redevelopment of the university.

A brand new £15m building is also planned for the business school on the north campus opposite Molineux. This would be located on land between the school's current MN base and the school of health and wellbeing's MH building in Molineux Street.

Plans are being devised with a view to opening it by December 2014.

COMMERCIAL FEATURE

Vicky Nicholls has returned to practice acupunture at her new clinic in Albrighton The safe and clean premises have been licensed by Shropshire County Council

Healing hands get right to the point of problems

A NEW acupuncture clinic has opened in Albrighton, near Wolverhampton, with brand new, purpose-built consulting rooms.

Behind the new venture is Ms Vicky Nicholls, who was educated locally at St Dominics, Brewood and Wolverhampton Grammar School, and then went on to complete another 10 years in further education at the same time as bringing up a young family.

She is now a fully qualified member of the British Acupuncture Council, and has achieved an honours degree in psychology and a first class honours degree in traditional acupuncture. Vicky has been practicing acupuncture in the Warwick area, but has now returned to open this new practice in Albrighton.

Licensed

The premises are brand new, offering a safe and sterile environment, and have been licensed by Shropshire County Council.

The premises also offer additional rooms which can be used by other healthcare or complimentary therapy professionals and are available for hire. Acupuncture originated in China thousands of years ago and is an ancient method of healing which treats the body in its entirety and is used to treat physical, emotional and physiological problems.

It continues to feature in mainstream healthcare both as a stand-alone therapy and in combination with conventional Western medicine. Vicky said: "Acupuncture works to help maintain the body's equilibrium, and involves the insertion of very fine needles into specific points on the body to regulate flow of 'qi', the body's vital energy.

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ACUPUNCTURIST Ms Vicky Nicholls at the recently opened Albrighton clinic, believes what makes traditional acupuncture so uniquely suited to modern life is that physical, emotional and mental states are seen as being interdependent, and reflect what many people perceive as the connection between the different aspects of their lives.

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The largest amount was spent by Sandwell Council, which paid £55,933 in 2011-12 for site security, legal fees and moving waste.

Walsall Council splashed out £6,600 on bollards and a special grass mound to stop potential incursions, while Wolverhampton City Council spent £1,075 in 2011-12 on legal fees to get the families moved on. Dudley Council spent £5,000 on clean-up fees after an eviction at a site in Bagley Street in 2010-11.

Liaise

Steve Barlow, Wolverhampton City Council's environmental health manager, said: "If we receive complaints about travellers arriving and setting up on public land, our policy is for officers to visit them and liaise with them.

"This has proved largely successful, with travellers often leaving sites voluntarily."

Travellers sites in Sandwell in recent months have included Black Patch Park in Smethwick. Five caravans, plus a handful of cars and vans, were spotted at the site in October. Meanwhile, caravans, trucks and vans also moved on to a concreted plot of land off Waterloo Road in August, prompting complaints fromresidents.

Stafford Borough Council spokeswoman Rachel Jenkins said it did not have to deal with any travellers in the borough last financial year.

Pretty as a picture

Winning picture - icy scene of the canal by Hyde Mill Bridge, Brewood

by Marisha Cysewski

THE winners of a photography competition to capture the beauty of Brewood and Coven parish have been announced.

Steve Bullock, aged 58, of The Pavement, Brewood, won the adult category of the parish council-run contest with his icy December scene of the canal by Hyde Mill Bridge, Brewood.

Mr Bullock said: "I'm stunned but pleased to have won the photography competition. The canal scene just seemed to epitomise the seasonal feel that December morning. "

Holly Postles, a pupil at Brewood Middle school, won the junior category with her image, Bridge View.

Her brother Ethan Postles, aged seven, came in third place with his picture Canal Walk. Holly, 10, said: "My grandad introduced me to photography. I'm pretty amazed to have won the first competition I entered. I'll definitely be entering more."

The entrants' artistic ability was judged by Tettenhall Wood Photography Club and the winning photographs will be used for parish publications in the future.

The council presented mounted prints of the photographs to the winners. It is planning to run another competition later this year.

Homes blackout again

SIXTEEN homes in a Willenhall street were left without power for more than 12 hours in the fourth cut to hit in three months.

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NEWS

Officers to stay on as ruling scrapped

MORE than 20 officers who were due to leave Staffordshire Police will now be staying on in their roles after a controversial policy which would have forced them to go was scrapped.

Staffordshire's new Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis has got rid of the controversial Regulation A19, which has already seen in the region of 150 Staffordshire officers forced to retire since the beginning of last year.

Figures released by Staffordshire Police show that 63 officers would now be eligible to leave after completing 30 years service but they estimate around 24 of them will now stay in their posts.

Dynamic

The force has also recently announced it will be taking on a total of 28 new officers during 2013-2014 after Mr Ellis scrapped a recruitment freeze.

Mr Ellis said the move was not about increasing the number of officers but rather "changing the dynamic" of the force.

He said: "The move was about refreshing the police force and there was lots of experience at the top end with people as young as 48 being forced out when they had lots to offer."

He said he was focusing on increasing the amount of time officers spent out and about rather than being based in an office carrying out administration.

Years when naughty pupils were taught a harsh lesson

STEALING money from the teacher's desk, climbing on the roof and smoking at the age of 11 – all things that in the modern day, would probably lead to disciplinary measures being taken by the school.

But in 1953 at a school in the Black Country those very same incidents were punishable with a wrap to the hands from the headmaster's cane.

Current pupils at Castlecroft Primary School in Wolverhampton have unearthed a punishment book listing the disciplinary action taken against youngsters. The discovery is part of a project by students to mark the 60th anniversary of the school in Castlecroft and it gives a fascinating insight into what life was like in the classrooms in the region in years gone by.

Headteacher Patricia Keech, who has led the school since January 1999, said: "The children have been learning about different aspects of the school and talking to people who have been a part of it over the years, such as former pupils and teachers. It is really important that the children get to know about the history of the school and the community that surrounds it."

The school was formally opened in March 1953 and was built at a cost of £56,000.

Retired

It was designed for 280 pupils but records found by the current students show there were as many as 420 pupils in the school at one point. Five different headteachers have led the school, with Kenneth Parkes at the helm from September 1952 to July 1972, Sylvia Adey from September 1972 to July 1980, Julian Watson from January 1981 to December 1986, David Michie from January 1987 to July 1998 and Mrs Keech from January 1999.

The longest-serving staff member to date has been Barbara Thomas, who joined the school on March 1, 1968. After working with all five headteachers and notching up 43 years service, Miss Thomas retired in December 2011.

To celebrate the school's 60th anniversary, the Mayor of Wolverhampton, councillor Christine Mills, will visit on March 12 for a service. A reunion event will also take place on March 8 at 7pm.

The school will be open for people to walk around, meet others, view photographs and a display on the school's history.

Those interested in attending can find details at **www.castlecroftprimaryschool. co.uk**

A staff photograph from 1956. This was just three years after the £56,000 Castlecroft school was opened

A staff picture taken back in 1968. It features Barbara Thomas, who is standing third from left, back row

Liz Briggs – who is stood third from right, back row, Barbara Thomas – second from right, back row and Andrea Morgan – second from left, middle row, seen in the 1980s

Former teachers Liz Briggs, Andrea Morgan and Barbara Thomas, view photo graphs with pupils Emily Sandland, aged 11, Megan Linto, 10 and Zac Campbell, 11

Hundreds of gripes on meals in region

HUNDREDS of complaints were made about Staffordshire and Black Country restaurants and takeaways last year but only a handful had to close.

Wolverhampton City Council received 910 complaints – 96 relating to hygiene – and shut four premises while Sandwell Council received 113 complaints relating to hygiene and closed five – one retailer and four catering premises.

In Dudley, the council received 82 complaints about the condition of food, 148 on food hygiene and 53 on food poisoning. Despite this, only one takeaway, one restaurant and one other caterer were closed down by the council – all for pest infestation reasons.

Prosecuted

No premises that serve food were closed in Walsall in 2011/ 2012 although one was prosecuted for allowing cleanliness to fall below legal standards.

The authority received 189 food related allegations.

Stafford Borough Council received 23 complaints, but forced no eateries to close.

Wolverhampton City Council environmental health manager, said they investigated all food hygiene complaints based on their merits.

Councillor Zahid Ali, portfolio holder for public protection in the Walsall Council coalition, said: "We work to protect the health of people who buy food by routinely inspecting premises."

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THE National Homebuilding and Renovating Show returns from March 21-24 to provide advice and inspiration to help visitors create their perfect, bespoke property.

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Visitors will be able to see and touch the latest products, learn firsthand about the hottest innovations and trends for 2013 as well as soak up advice from specialist key influencers including Michael Holmes, editor-in-chief of Homebuilding and Renovating magazine and one of the country's leading property experts.

Energy

The Eco Home Show is expected to be a very popular feature this year when adding sustainable features to the home is at the forefront of nearly all self-builders' minds.

With the Government's commitment to carbon reduction, the introduction of the Green Deal, the Renewable Heat Incentive and all UK homes being fitted with smart meters by 2020, homeowners have become increasingly aware of how important it is to live in an energy-efficient home. With this shift in consumer behaviour, the show will be able to meet visitors' requirements for eco knowledge, products and services.

The words 'planning permission' can often put many people off entering into their own self-build – but don't let planning horror stories get you down, head along to the Planning Clinic.

Standard tickets are £12 if booked before 3pm on March 20 or £17 on the door (under 16s free).

Visit www.homebuildingshow.co.uk or call the ticket hotline on 0844 581 1377 (10am-5pm daily)

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Orla Fielder from Castlefields, who has won a Little Star award for her fight with leukaemia. Her mum Becky holds the certificate her daughter received from Cancer Research UK for her bravery

Brave Orla, 10, proves she's an absolute star

by Marion Brennan

WHEN Orla Fielder's parents broke the news that she had leukaemia, the youngster told them: "Don't worry, at least it's nothing very bad like cancer."

The 10-year-old's response was touchingly naive but it also hinted at a determination not to be beaten by the disease that has inevitably forced huge changes in her young life.

Mum Becky, aged 41, said: "She's been brilliant. I quickly told her she would lose her hair and she was obviously very upset. She used to have really long hair but we had it cut into a bob and donated the rest to the Little Princess Trust charity, which provides real-hair wigs for children undergoing chemotherapy treatment.

Arthritis

"She's got a wig but I think she looks lovely without it. She tends to wear a scarf for school, although she hasn't been able to go since last November."

Orla's bravery in facing up to the disease has prompted her parents to nominate her in the Little Star awards run nationally by Cancer Research UK.

As a result the youngster, who lives with her family in Thomas Avenue, Castlefields, Stafford, was a joint winner in her category.

Becky recalls how quickly Orla was struck down by the life-threatening condition last summer, two weeks before her 10th birthday.

On Thursday, July 5, she was a carefree pupil at Penkridge Middle School. By the afternoon of Sunday, July 8, she was a patient on the oncology ward at Birmingham Children's Hospital.

"It happened very suddenly," said Becky. "She was complaining of severe joint pain so I took her to the GP who thought it was reactive arthritis.

"Orla had blood tests but that night she was in agony. She was admitted to Stafford Hospital on Saturday evening but transferred to Birmingham by ambulance. The doctors there diagnosed Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia but needed to do bone marrow tests to be certain. It was all a blur."

A typical little girl growing up, but over the last few months Orla has faced tough challenges

The good news was that Orla's conditon was treatable. The bad news was that the road to recovery would last two long years.

Seven months into the programme, the youngster has been "up and down." She has a permanent Hickman line to her chest through which blood is taken and chemotherapy is given.

Vulnerability

She has recently finished her latest round of chemotherapy which also involved lumbar punctures to get the chemicals into her spinal fluid.

Teachers and pupils made a huge fuss of her when she briefly went back to school in October but because of the treatment and her vulnerability to picking up bugs, she has not returned.

At home, dad Roland, a 41-year-old engineer, sister Georgina, aged 17, brother Jack, 15, and Becky, who has a franchise running baby sensory classes, do their best to keep her occupied but she misses certain activities, like her dance classes.

The muscle wastage in her legs meant that for four weeks she could not even walk upstairs.

But during a break in her chemotherapy treatment last November, Orla took in her dance school's production of Alice in Wonderland, although her health meant her involvement was limited to sitting on stage in character.

Since then she has launched a Just Giving page to raise funds for the cancer ward at Birmingham Children's Hospital, raising £2,000 so far.

Becky says: "She's really strong and has got a really good sense of humour.

"Obviously she's down some days and misses her friends and would love it if her life was as before, but she doesn't complain."

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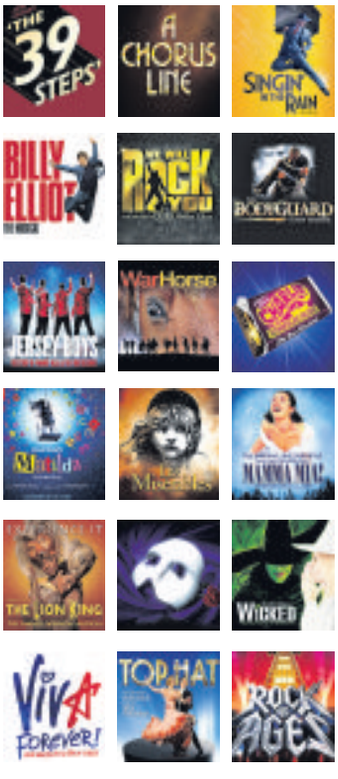

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CLUB NEWS

WI guest proves a glass act

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FOLLOWING the usual business, president Julie Hammersley introduced the speaker for the February meeting, Cas Bailey.

Cas had visited before to talk about her life during her 32 years in the police force. This talk, "Cuffs to Glass", was about what came after she had retired.

Looking for something completely different and challenging to do she noticed a magazine advert for a 12-month course in glass techniques at Dudley College.

Classes were held in a disused glass factory in Brierley Hill. There were 12 students in her class ranging in age from their 20s to 60s.

Cas enjoyed her time there so much that she enrolled and completed a second year course.

After two years at college, Cas rented a studio workshop and started a small business. When the studio was sold, Cas had to look for new premises. She bought a new house and had a log house built in the garden for a workshop.

Cas explained the various techniques and brought some beautiful samples of her work. She can now be found selling her creations and taking commissions at Shugborough on crafts days.

Win Poulton gave a vote of thanks and te evening was rounded off with the raffle and refreshments.

The AGM will be on Tuesday, March 12 at the village hall, Joey's Lane at 7.30pm.

Historian gives reel insight into cinemas

Historian Ned Williams addressed the meeting

THE BLACK COUNTRY SOCIETY

THE Kingswinford branch of the Black Country Society met at St Mary's Church Hall on January 16 when historian Ned Williams was the speaker. He is a member and past president of the society.

Ned was born in Ilford, Essex but has lived in the Black Country since 1962. He taught at Wulfrun College for 30 years and then for 10 years with the Workers Educational Association.

A prolific writer, he now has 48 books to his name, the most recent ones being Black Country Cinemas and Black Country Theatres. His illustrated talk was of cinemas and entertainment in the Black Country. He gave a fascinating talk about cinemas no longer with us and explained that the buildings are often now used for other purposes such as bingo halls and warehouses. Many of them still retain the art deco styles inside.

He spoke about theatres including the now defunct Dudley Hippodrome. Ned also talked about early travelling players, circuses and fairgrounds and famous people who ran them events – Pat Collins being one.

The chairman thanked Ned for his talk and coffee was served.

Perils of public speaking

WALSALL CENTRAL TG

THE February meeting was opened by chairman Brenda White, who conducted the business.

Due to the closure of Mellish Townswomen's Guild, some of their members joined with the Central Guild who were very happy to welcome them. Speaker for the evening was Pamela Wheat, who gave an interesting talk on the "Perils of Public Speaking".

The next date for members will be the Annual General Meeting, taking place at 7pm on Tuesday, March 5 in the Mellish Room at Central Hall Methodist Church, Walsall.

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Itinerary

This book will make you laugh right from the start, with his choice of transport being an old Austin Montego, named Ozzy, that was designed in Longbridge but built in Bulgaria.

Black Country folk may be surprised that Walsall was on his itinerary. Apparently Tim decided to visit because a survey found Walsall to be Britain's most depressed town.

He braves the A34 and goes to the town's leather museum.

But take heart Walsall folk, in an interview with The Chronicle, Tim reveals it was one of his favourite stops.

He said: "In comparison to some of the places I went to, Walsall felt like the French Riviera. It was actually doing something with itself, unlike most of the other towns I visited."

Each town is a subject for wry humour though in each place he visits he manages to find a glimmer of hope – except maybe for one faded North Wales seaside resort.

Tim said: "Rhyl was easily the most depressing place I went to. The town had invested loads of money into developing itself by knocking down a lot of beautiful Victorian architecture and building a horrible B&Q. The town died soon after."

This book should be considered a collection of short stories linked by a common theme.

It is a brilliant book to dip in and out of. For those that love the works of rambling travel authors such as Bill Bryson this will be a perfect addition to their collection.

This tale of one man and his awful car is published by Vintage Books, priced £7.99.

Tom Mason

Eyewitness guides help travellers plan top ten trip

IF you're going on a foreign city break this year, among travel essentials in your luggage should be a **DK Eyewitness Top 10 Travel Guide**.

These city guides pack a lot of information into their small – 10cm by 19cm – paperback format, including maps and lavishly illustrated details of the must-see sights and museums. They are small enough to pop into your pocket next to your passport. Very usefully, they include a pull-out version of the map to use when exploring your destination.

New editions in the series are guides to Rome, Paris, Barcelona, Stockholm, New York City, Miami and the holiday island of Mallorca. Top 10 travel guides being published in March include Berlin, Florence, Venice, Scotland, the Lake District, Washington DC, and San Francisco.

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REVIEWS

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Wolverhampton Grand

GO go Joseph, there seems no stopping the theatrical juggernaut of this Old Testament pop musical.

First conceived by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber more than 40 years ago, its popularity does not decline.

This latest touring production from Bill Kenwright goes all out to please, the songs come slick and fast – mostly parodies from country music to Elvis Presley and Parisian chanson – delivered by an energetic cast.

It tells the Book of Genesis tale about how favourite son Joseph is sold into slavery by his 11 jealous brothers, ends up in Egypt where, after a spell in jail, he becomes the pharoah's right hand man and is finally reconciled with his family

Keith Jack, runner-up in the TV search for Joseph, is a charismatic leading man.

Leon Burakowski

Nerina Pallot Glee Club, Birmingham

IN between regaling the packed Glee Club audience with opinions of dodgy Valentine lingerie and Sharon Osbourne's plastic surgery, Brit Award-nominated singer/songwriter Nerina Pallott entertained her fans with the last leg of her Lonely Valentine tour.

She opened with a ballad, her voice sounding not unlike Katie Melua but with a harder edge. In Driving to Idaho she exuded a rich sound showing the range of her voice.

Danny Farragher

Glamorous home town role as Sophie joins High Society

THE GLITZY world of American 'High Society' in the 1940s will be brought to the stage at Wolverhampton Grand next week.

Among performers preparing for curtain-up on the musical is Sophie Bould, a former member of South Staffs Musical Theatre Company who is now a professional actor.

The former pupil of St Dominic's School, in Brewood, previously wowed West End audiences playing Liesl in The Sound of Music after first walking the boards at the Grand.

Now aged 31, she said: "I was eight when the theatre company were performing South Pacific and they needed a youngster to play a little French girl. My mum Veronica was with the company. I was at the Grand Theatre for a week and I was bitten by the bug."

Sophie Bould with Daniel Boys in the Cole Porter musical High Society

Sinatra

Well Did You Evah and True Love are two of the most famous songs from High Society, which will feature Sophie alongside Daniel Boys and former Robin of Sherwood Michael Praed.

The Cole Porter musical was a 1956 film with Grace Kelly, Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby and Louis Armstrong. That was itself based on play The Philadelphia Story, made into a 1940 film with Katherine Hepburn, Cary Grand and James Stewart. High Society is at the Grand Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday, then at Birmingham Hippodrome from May 14 to 18.

Acrobatic action at The Moscow State Circus, coming to Wolverhampton Civic Hall

Circus and Disney fun

ICONS of Russian and American popular culture are coming to the West Midlands to entertain families.

Disney On Ice returned to Birmingham's LG Arena yesterday (Wednesday) for a five-day run of their new extravaganza Let's Party.

A medley of festivals from around the world, it is hosted by Mickey and Minnie Mouse and features favourites from such movies as Lilo & Stich and Toy Story, plus an array of Disney Princesses and Villains.

Legend

Then next week the Moscow State Circus rolls into Wolverhampton, swapping a big top for the Civic Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 26 and 27, for a show based on a Russian legend.

Babushkin Sekret concerns a search for a chair containing treasure. The story will involve performances by high-wire artists, acrobats, jugglers and clowns.

REVIEWS

Coppelia, The Russian State Ballet of Siberia, Wolverhampton Grand

COLOURFUL costumes and confident performances made this Coppelia an excellent traditional interpretation of a ballet classic by this Russian company.

Elena Pogorelaya was strong and delightful as Swanilda and also posing as the living doll Coppelia, played in doll form by Yana Tugeva.

Powerful support came from Kirill Bulychev as Swanilda's wayward boyfriend Franz.

The light-hearted production, one of three performed by the company at the Grand this week, made the most of the Grand's stage and had the benefit of the company's own orchestra to perform the familiar score by Leo Delibes.

It's just a shame that the rather flimsy set had obviously seen better days.

Leon Burakowski

Aladdin, BRB, B'ham Hippodrome

IT was a magic night as Birmingham Royal Ballet staged the UK premiere of its breathtaking production of Aladdin.

Any new show is always going to be a challenge for a company with such an excellent reputation to live up to, but this delight raises the bar.

The dazzling costumes were designed by former Wolverhampton College of Art student Sue Blane. It runs until Saturday (23)

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CHOICE

Sunetra Sarker

Casualty
BBC1, 8.40pm
Last week we met estranged couple David and Kate. When we catch up with them here, he struggles to keep his temper in check after their son Nathan is rushed to the ED after collapsing while on a day out with Kate. The fact that Kate then announces she wants access to their son, coupled with bad news about the youngster's future treatment, stuns David so much, he decides to do something very foolish indeed. Meanwhile, Zoe returns, goes berserk at Ash and then offers him a permanent job. Also starring Patrick Robinson.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigel Slater's Simple Cooking. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Bargain Hunt. **2.00** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. **4.20** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **4.30** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. England v France (Kick-off 5.00pm).

7.00 Let's Dance for Comic Relief. Steve Jones and Alex Jones present the second heat of the contest, featuring Jon Culshaw, Antony Cotton, members of the cast of Waterloo Road, Kim Woodburn and Rosemary Shrager.

8.25 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws. New series. OJ Borg presents as the balls are set rolling to decide the all-important numbers. Including the Lotto, Thunderball and Lotto Plus 5 draws.

8.40 Casualty. Zoe returns from sick leave and clashes with Ash, Jeff must persuade a man to act in his son's best interests and Fletch is determined to help an elderly gentleman in love.

9.30 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes and the Brown family await the fruits of their fraud after faking Grandad's death to get a payout, but the insurance company starts to grow suspicious. (R)

10.00 BBC News; Weather.

10.20 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches; National Lottery Update.

11.40 The Football League Show.

12.55 Weatherview. **1.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Close. **7.30** Great British Menu. (R) **8.00** Great British Menu. (R) **8.30** Great British Menu. (R) **9.00** Great British Menu. (R) **9.30** Great British Menu. (R) **10.00** A History of Britain by Simon Schama. (R) **11.00** Meet the Ancestors. (R) **11.30** Map Man. (R) **12.00** Indian Food Made Easy. (R) **12.30** Mastermind. (R) **1.00** University Challenge. (R) **1.30** Talking Pictures. **2.15 Film:** The Black Shield of Falworth. (1954) **3.50** Coast. **4.00** Flog It! **4.30** Final Score. **5.15** Live Cycling: World Track Championships.

7.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson puts the new Kia Cee'd through a peculiar road test, Richard Hammond drives the Mastretta MXT, and three high-performance hatchbacks are tested on the track. (R)

8.00 Dad's Army. The platoon has a steam engine problem. (R)

8.30 A Wolf Called Storm: Natural World Special. Cameraman Jeff Turner spends a year following the lives of a wolf and its pack in the north of Canada, learning how the animals survive in the harsh wilderness. (R)

9.30 Howard Goodall's Story of Music. The composer examines the ways in which modernism and the birth of recorded sound in the late 19th century changed the way music was played, heard and distributed.

10.30 Funny Business. Comedians who work on cruise ships. Last in the series.

11.30 Film: The Men Who Stare at Goats. (2009) Satirical comedy, starring George Clooney and Ewan McGregor.

12.55 Close.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Handy Manny. **6.10** Handy Manny. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Dino Dan. (R) **7.10** Canimals. (R) **7.20** Canimals. (R) **7.25** Bookaboo. **7.40** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **8.05** Kick Buttowski – Suburban Daredevil. **8.15** Kick Buttowski – Suburban Daredevil. **8.30** Victorious. (R) **9.00** Jessie. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** My Tasty Travels with Lynda Bellingham. (R) **11.25** Dinner Date. **12.25** Countrywise. **12.40** ITV News; Weather. **12.45 Film:** Carry On Up the Jungle. (1970) **2.30** The Chase: Celebrity Special. (R) **3.30** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.30** Regional Programme; Weather. **5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 Totally You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates a review of the show's most comical clips, featuring amazing accidents, cute kids and the funniest members of the animal kingdom. (R)

7.00 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway. New series. The Geordie duo's entertainment show returns, featuring a performance by Robbie Williams in the first edition. Danny DeVito is in the voiceover booth.

8.20 Take Me Out. A rugby player, a student, a morris dancer and a security adviser enter the love lift in the hope of impressing 30 single women. Paddy McGuinness presents. Last in the series.

9.50 The Jonathan Ross Show. Celebrity interviews.

10.50 ITV News; Weather.

11.05 Film: The Gauntlet. (1977) Action adventure, starring Clint Eastwood.

1.05 Jackpot247. **3.00** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 Sali Mali. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Will & Grace. (R) **7.25** Freesports on 4. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.20** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.50** Frasier. (R) **10.20** Frasier. (R) **10.50** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.20** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.45** The Simpsons. (R) **12.10** The Simpsons. (R) **12.40** Secret Millionaire Ireland. (R) **1.45** Channel 4 Racing. **4.05** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.35** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.05** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.10 Come Dine with Me. Rose Proenca hosts the final dinner party in Portsmouth. (R)

6.40 Channel 4 News.

6.55 4thought.tv.

7.00 The Queen's Mother in Law. The story of Prince Philip's mother Princess Alice, a great-granddaughter of Queen Victoria who turned her back on royal life to work with the poor in Greece. (R)

8.00 Kevin McCloud's Man Made Home. The Grand Designs presenter builds an oak-framed cabin using recycled materials, aiming to create a retreat where he can get away from the rat race. (R)

9.00 Film: Terminator Salvation. (2009) In the future, resistance fighter John Connor leads a war against the deadly robots that have taken over the world. Sci-fi thriller sequel, with Christian Bale and Sam Worthington.

11.10 Film: Rising Sun. (1993) Thriller, starring Sean Connery and Wesley Snipes.

1.35 Southland. **2.15** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.20** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.10** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.20** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.25** Monkey Life. (R) **11.55** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.55 Film:** I Dream of Murder. (2006) **2.40 Film:** Corrina, Corrina. (1994) **4.55** 5 News Weekend. **5.00 Film:** Columbo: Ransom for a Dead Man. (1971)

6.55 CSI: NY. Mac tells Flack about the persistent anonymous calls he is receiving, and the team investigates a string of audacious robberies carried out by crooks equipped with hi-tech gadgetry. (R)

7.40 NCIS. Ducky is attacked by a knife-wielding woman who accuses him of war crimes, alleging he tortured and killed her brother in Afghanistan in the early 1980s. Starring David McCallum. (R)

8.35 NCIS. The agents investigate the private life of a Navy captain whose actions may have led to his death, while McGee finds a love interest on the internet. (R)

9.30 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. Benson and Stabler are called upon to investigate when a man contacts the police after discovering a dead woman in his bed.

10.25 Law & Order: Criminal Intent.

11.25 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. **4.00** HouseBusters. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide To. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.15** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.40** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Merlin **7.45** Doctor Who **8.35 Film:** National Treasure: Book of Secrets (2007) **10.30** World's Craziest Fools **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad!

BBC Four
7.00 Britain's Natural World **8.00** Baroque! From St Peter's to St Paul's **9.00** Spiral 4: State of Terror **10.45** The Joy of the Single **11.45** Country at the BBC

ITV2
3.35 Film: Toy Story 2 (1999) **5.30 Film:** Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **7.20 Film:** Jurassic Park (1993) **9.50** Take Me Out – The Gossip **10.50** Fake Reaction **11.40 Film:** Gremlins (1984)

ITV3
1.55 A Touch of Frost **4.00 Film:** Carry On Girls (1973) **5.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **7.55** Rosemary & Thyme **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00 Film:** The Pianist (2002)

ITV4
3.10 Film: The Upturned Glass (1947) **5.00 Film:** Invitation to a Gunfighter (1964) **7.00** TT Legends **7.30** GT Academy **8.00** The Sweeney **9.00** River Monsters: Lethal Legends **10.00 Film:** Raging Bull (1980)

E4
3.35 Rules of Engagement **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Happy Endings **8.00** How I Met Your Mother **8.30** 2 Broke Girls **9.00 Film:** Beverly Hills Cop II (1987) **11.05** The Big Bang Theory

Film4
2.50 Speed 2: Cruise Control (1997) **5.10** Nacho Libre (2006) **6.55** America's Sweethearts (2001) **9.00** The Runaways (2010) Premiere. Biopic of the 1970s rock band, starring Kristen Stewart and Dakota Fanning. **11.05** Dog Soldiers (2002)

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Yotam Ottolenghi

Ottolenghi's Mediterranean Feast Channel 4, 7pm

Okay so we don't really need any more culinary programmes hogging the schedules - it's a big enough head-scratcher trying to choose between the crop of TV chefs already on offer. However, you'll probably join us in making an exception for this particular one - even if it is only because he's getting us out and about to various idyllic destinations. First up in his exploration of the Mediterranean's cuisine, Yotam heads to Marrakech, Morocco, where he learns about the city's street food and dines at Jemaa El Fna square.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Countryfile. (R) **11.55** Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** BBC News. **12.05** Bargain Hunt. **12.30** Call the Midwife. (R) **1.30** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. **4.00** Escape to the Country. **4.30** Songs of Praise. **5.05** Penguins – Spy in the Huddle. (R)

6.05 Deadly 60 on a Mission. New series. Steve Backshall continues his quest to encounter the world's 60 deadliest animals, heading to South Africa in search of great white sharks, cheetahs and venomous snakes.

6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker and Julia Bradbury explore Bristol, Tom Heap investigates issues associated with illegally produced meat and Adam Henson finds out how a breed of cow is being preserved. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Call the Midwife. Jenny tries to reconcile a dying man with his only remaining daughter, while Dr Turner and the midwives carry out a mass screening for tuberculosis in Poplar.

9.00 Ripper Street. Jackson is accused of being the Ripper and faces the death penalty, while Reid investigates the suspected kidnapping of Rose. Last in the series.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day 2.

11.25 The League Cup Show.

12.05 The Apprentice USA. **1.30** Weatherview. **1.35** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Close. **6.20 Film:** Once Upon a Honeymoon. (1942) **8.15** Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein. **8.45** A to Z of TV Gardening. **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** Live Cycling: World Track Championships. **2.05** EastEnders. (R) **4.00** The Lions' Roar. **4.30** Flog It! (R) **5.15** Restoration Home. (R)

6.15 Food & Drink. Jun Tanaka helps create the perfect burger. (R)

6.45 Ski Sunday. Graham Bell presents highlights of the women's downhill at the World Cup event in Meribel, France, while Ed Leigh reports on Britain's slopestyle hopefuls from Laax in Switzerland.

7.30 Open All Hours. Granville is left in charge of the shop. (R)

8.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson and Richard Hammond design a vehicle for elderly people, James May gets acquainted with the latest Range Rover and James McAvoy drives the Reasonably Priced Car.

9.00 Wonders of Life. Professor Brian Cox considers what makes Earth a home for life and asks what ingredients were necessary to transform this once barren planet. Last in the series.

10.00 Dancing on the Edge. Stanley is made editor of Music Express. (R)

11.05 Six Nations Rugby Union. Highlights of the third weekend of this year's competition.

11.50 Film: 10 Rillington Place. (1971) Fact-based thriller, starring Richard Attenborough.

1.40 Sign Zone: Holby City. (R) **2.40** Being Eileen. (R) **3.05** Close.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Handy Manny. **6.10** Handy Manny. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Dino Dan. (R) **7.10** Canimals. (R) **7.20** Canimals. (R) **7.25** Bookaboo. **7.40** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **8.05** Rated A for Awesome. **8.15** Rated A for Awesome. **8.30** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **8.45** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **9.00** The Aquabats Super Show. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.25** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **12.25** ITV News; Weather. **12.30 Film:** Carry On Henry. (1971) **2.15** Doc Martin. (R) **3.15** Agatha Christie's Marple. (R) **5.15** You've Been Framed! (R) **5.45** Regional Programme; Weather.

6.00 ITV News; Weather.

6.15 Dancing on Ice. The five remaining skaters get to grips with props in their routines as they battle to win places in next week's semi-final. Phillip Schofield and Christine Bleakley present. The results are at 8.30pm.

7.45 All Star Family Fortunes. With Nicola Adams and Michael Vaughan.

8.30 Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off. The two lowest-scoring couples battle it out.

9.00 Mr Selfridge. The Woolworths present Harry with some tough competition.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.

10.15 Her Majesty's Prison – Aylesbury. Two-part documentary about life at the young offenders' institution. (R)

11.15 Premiership Rugby Union.

12.15 The Store. **2.15** Monk. (R) **3.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.20 The Hoobs. (R) **6.45** The Hoobs. (R) **7.10** Will & Grace. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.10** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.40** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.10** The Simpsons. (R) **1.40** The Simpsons. (R) **2.10 Film:** The Wedding Planner. (2001) **4.20** Time Team. **5.20** Deal or No Deal.

6.20 Channel 4 News.

6.50 The Political Slot. The Green Party's Natalie Bennett and Will Duckworth discuss unemployment.

6.55 4thought.tv. A rabbi who believes British Jews should learn from immigrants of other faiths.

7.00 Ottolenghi's Mediterranean Feast. New series. Chef Yotam Ottolenghi travels the southern and eastern Mediterranean to explore its cuisine. He begins his journey in Marrakech, tasting the Moroccan city's street food.

8.00 A Great British Air Disaster. The rise and fall of the De Havilland Comet.

9.00 Film: Unstoppable. (2010) Premiere. Two train operators must stop a runaway locomotive carrying toxic chemicals before it crashes. Thriller, starring Denzel Washington.

10.50 Film: Runaway Jury. (2003) Courtroom thriller, starring John Cusack and Gene Hackman.

1.10 Chris Addison: My Funniest Year. (R) **3.00** 4Funnies: Brian Gittins. (R) **3.30** Eating for Two. (R) **3.35** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.20** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **6.30** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.45** Olive the Ostrich. (R) **6.50** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.20** Animal Antics. (R) **7.30** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.50** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Mio Mao. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Jelly Jamm. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.10** Disney Shorts: Bone Bandit. (R) **11.15** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.20** Once Upon a Time. (R) **12.15** Cowboy Builders. (R) **1.20 Film:** Winnie the Pooh: Springtime with Roo. (2004) **2.35 Film:** Stuart Little 2. (2002) **4.05 Film:** To Hell and Back. (1955)

6.10 Beat the Ancestors.

7.05 Film: Mosquito Squadron. (1968) Second World War drama, starring David McCallum.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Person of Interest. Reese infiltrates a smuggling ring.

10.00 Film: Saw: The Final Chapter. Premiere. Horror sequel, starring Costas Mandylor. (2010)

11.50 The Exorcist: The True Story. (R)

12.50 SuperCasino. **4.00** HouseBusters. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide To. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.15** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.40** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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BBC Three

7.00 Let's Dance for Comic Relief **8.10 Film:** Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (2010) **10.00** Being Human **11.00** People Like Us

BBC Four

7.00 The Story of British Pathe **8.00** WHAAM! Roy Lichtenstein at the Tate Modern **9.00** Madness in the Desert: Paris to Dakar Rally **10.00** Timeshift: Everybody Was Kung Fu Fighting – The Rise of Martial Arts in Britain **11.00** The Swing Thing

ITV2

3.25 Take Me Out **4.55** Take Me Out – The Gossip **5.55 Film:** Babe (1995) **7.45 Film:** Ocean's Eleven (2001) **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.50 Film:** The Grudge (2004)

ITV3

3.40 Film: Forever Young (1992) **5.45** Murder, She Wrote **6.45** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.55** An Audience with Cliff Richard **10.00 Film:** Elizabeth: The Golden Age (2007)

ITV4

3.35 Film: Morning Departure (1950) **5.45 Film:** Without a Clue (1988) **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00 Film:** Blues Brothers 2000 (1998) **11.30 Film:** The Big Lebowski (1998)

E4

5.00 Revenge **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** New Girl **8.00 Film:** Edward Scissorhands (1990) **10.05** Rude Tube **11.05** My Mad Fat Diary

Film4

2.55 Explorers (1985) **5.05** Inkheart (2008) **7.10** My Super Ex-Girlfriend (2006) **9.00** High Crimes (2002) A leading attorney fights to prove her husband's innocence after the military accuse him of killing villagers in El Salvador. Thriller, starring Ashley Judd. **11.15** Blood and Chocolate (2007)

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Contact your GP or GP out of hours service

GP Surgery

For most medical problems phone your GP practice for advice or to make an appointment.

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You will be assessed over the phone and given either health advice, an appointment to see a doctor at the Phoenix Health Centre in Parkfields or a home visit if necessary.

Serious injury, sudden severe illness or medical emergency

Go to your nearest hospital A&E department

A&E

Only go to a hospital A&E department in the event of an accident or emergency.

An emergency is a critical or life-threatening situation such as:

- unconsciousness
- suspected broken bones
- heavy blood loss
- suspected heart attack
- deep wounds - such as a stab wound
- breathing difficulties
- sudden chest pain
- head injuries

If you are unsure whether a health problem is an emergency needing A&E treatment then call your GP or NHS Direct for advice.

Call 999 for the ambulance service

999 ambulance

Call 999 for an ambulance if the patient:

- has had chest pains for more than 15 minutes
- is not breathing/is having difficulty breathing/is choking
- is unconscious
- is bleeding heavily
- is in severe abdominal pain
- may have had a stroke, fit or convulsion
- may have taken an overdose
- has severe burns
- has suspected head or spinal injuries
- has had a severe allergic reaction causing shortness of breath or choking

Further instructions will be given over the phone by a specially trained call taker and, if appropriate, an ambulance will be sent.

What's On!

Film Choices

Monday
Striking Distance, Channel 5, 11pm
Cop Tom Hardy refuses to accept the suspect convicted for murdering his father is the real perpetrator of the crime. Meanwhile, his career derails and he is demoted to river patrol. However, his instincts prove accurate as the real criminal resurfaces. Thriller, starring Bruce Willis, Sarah Jessica Parker and Tom Sizemore. (1993)

Tuesday
Then She Found Me, BBC1, 12.15am
A New York teacher faces a mid-life crisis after her husband leaves her and her adoptive mother dies. To confuse matters further, she embarks on a relationship with the father of one of her students at the same time as her birth mother, an eccentric talk-show host, appears seeking reconciliation. Comedy drama, starring Helen Hunt, Bette Midler and Colin Firth. (2007)

Wednesday
The Mothman Prophecies, BBC1, 11.40pm
A bereaved journalist gets inexplicably lost on his way to Virginia, and ends up in a rural backwater where the residents are reporting paranormal encounters and sightings of strange lights. He investigates further and is startled to uncover sightings of a huge moth-like creature. Supernatural thriller, with Richard Gere, Laura Linney, Will Patton and Debra Messing. (2002)

Gladiator, Friday, ITV, 10.35pm

Thursday
Abducted, Channel 5, 3.20pm
A man wrongly imprisoned for murder is placed under the authority of a ruthless warden with political aspirations. Desperate to prove his innocence, the inmate escapes and abducts the official's wife. However, the situation takes an unexpected turn. Thriller, starring Sarah Wynter and Andrew W Walker. (2007)

Friday
Gladiator, ITV, 10.35pm
Roman general Maximus Decimus Meridius is a casualty of a power struggle between the corrupt Emperor Commodus and the senate. Ordered to be put to death along with his family, he escapes his would-be killers and is sold into slavery, only to become a gladiator and seek revenge for the murder of his wife and child. Oscar-winning period epic, with Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix and Derek Jacobi. (2000)

Armageddon, BBC1, 11.20pm
Nasa discovers an asteroid the size of Texas is on a collision course with Earth, so a drilling expert is recruited to train a team of misfits to transport a nuclear device into outer space to destroy it. Sci-fi thriller, with Bruce Willis, Ben Affleck, Liv Tyler, Michael Clarke Duncan, Billy Bob Thornton and Steve Buscemi. (1998)

Pick of the Week

The boys are back with their winning formula

Bruce Forsyth has earned the title 'King of Saturday Night Telly' – after all, he's been hosting top-rated programmes at that time of the week for more than 50 years.

He's been an entertainer guaranteed to raise a smile since before many of us, and even our parents, were born thanks to hits such as The Generation Game, Big Night and, of course, his current smash Strictly Come Dancing.

A few presenters have attempted to steal his crown, including Noel Edmonds, but they've fallen by the wayside.

However, there is one duo out there that you suspect will take it one day – Ant and Dec.

Not only are they extremely good at presenting the same kind of shows as Brucie, they're excellent hosts in their own right with the kind of chemistry and charm money can't buy.

Those are facts ITV's schedulers have clearly realised because they've made Ant and Dec almost omnipresent – it sometimes feels as if barely five minutes goes by before they're back on the box.

And yes, we like them as much as the next TV expert, but we reckon we could live for at least a week without them popping up looking unnaturally chirpy.

However, we don't have to test that theory because, lo and behold, the Geordie duo are back on the box.

Those of us who grew up watching Byker Grove could never have imagined that one day, these two, then better known as PJ and Duncan, would go on to become arguably the most popular double act on British TV.

Ant and Dec were always charismatic and, in their own way, quite cute, but it seems they have that extra-special, oh-so-difficult-to-define something that has allowed them to stand head and shoulders above the crowd – despite their diminutive height.

But not everything they've touched has turned to gold. The second series of Red or Black never broke four million viewers. So what should ultra-successful TV presenters do following a flop?

That's right, go back to an old favourite, a surefire hit. And that, it seems, is what Ant and Dec have done by resurrecting their Saturday Night Takeaway.

The last series was broadcast in 2010, but we're pleased to note that nothing seems to have changed in the intervening years – after all, why change a winning formula?

So, expect to see members of the public trying to win the items featured in the ad break, as well as star performers in action.

Robbie Williams is the first A-lister to appear. He will be providing a musical interlude as well as a surprise for one lucky member of the viewing public. While, Hollywood star Danny DeVito steps into the voiceover booth in the first edition.

Although the star guests are a welcome sight, it's the competitions that make this show so watchable – and although they could be accused of suffering from over-exposure, we're looking forward to seeing them again.

And probably again and again too because, let's face it, if they're ever going to topple Brucie, they're going to be on our screens for some years to come.

Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway, Saturday, ITV, 7pm

Best of the Rest

Monday
Penguins – Spy in the Huddle
BBC1, 9pm
Thanks to this fascinating series, we now know our emperors from our Humboldts, but could you identify individual birds? It seems it's a big ask even for penguin parents as the last episode in the series looks at the challenges faced by the young of the species. The emperor chicks keep together in a huddle and it's up to the adults to check they are feeding the right child. Meanwhile, the Humboldts are left in burrows, which may sound cosy, but they are still at risk from vampire bats. Luckily for viewers, it's not all death and trauma – there's also footage of the emperors learning to skate, and the rockhoppers practising their jumping skills.

Black Mirror
Channel 4, 10pm
Waldo, a blue bear from a children's educational TV show, teaches youngsters about the world through interviews with politicians and establishment figures. However, the animated protagonist is actually an anarchic animated character on a satirical late-night topical comedy show, voiced and controlled by failed comedian Jamie Salter (Daniel Rigby). He unleashes a mix of humorous innuendo, sarcasm and childish vitriol once he has lured someone into the studio. With a Waldo pilot in the offing, the animated character is soon standing against one of his victims, Conservative Liam Monroe (Tobias Menzies). Romance and a viral internet clip are thrown into the mix for Charlie Brooker's cross between 2012 smash Ted, and Robert Redford's 1972 drama The Candidate.

Tuesday
Shameless
Channel 4, 10pm
All good things must come to an end, and this week sees the arrival of the final series of Channel 4's hit comedy drama. The Maguires' empire seems to be doing well. While Mimi (Tina Malone) hijacks the local school via the PTA, Shane (Nicky Evans) is busy getting a new business venture off the ground. However, just as the rogue clan think things are going well, Jamie's (Aaron McCusker) shock discovery leads to him withdrawing from the family firm. Meanwhile, Frank's latest job as a caretaker helps fund his latest leisure activity involving Sherrilee (Sarah Totty) and Derrilee (Sue Vincent), a prostitute double act dubbed the Gastric Bandits.

My New Hand
BBC1, 10.35pm
Thanks to research and human ingenuity, medical science never ceases to amaze. Recently there has been the first bionic eye and face transplants – a case of science fiction becoming science fact. But the latest headline-making procedure is a hand transplant, which happened in Leeds in December. This documentary follows Professor Simon Kay and his team from making the initial decision to carry it out, through to the first time that 51-year-old Mark Cahill sees his new hand.

Wednesday
Child of Our Time
BBC1, 9pm
There were rumours that this fascinating insight into child development might not be returning to our screens – thankfully, they have proved unfounded. So Dr Robert Winston is back for a two-part run. This time the youngsters are 12, so since we last saw them they have started at secondary school and have begun to suffer some of the trials and tribulations involved in teenage life. The concluding part will be broadcast tomorrow, and features an insight into the children's family changes, parental expectations and what perils they may face before we meet them again in a few years' time.

Shameless, Tuesday, Channel 4, 10pm

Thursday
The Schoolboy Assassin: Murder Files
Channel 5, 8pm
For over a decade, Michael Ross was regarded as a hero thanks to his Iraq war service. But, in 2008, he was convicted of murdering Orkney-based waiter Shamsuddin Mahmood during an unprovoked attack in June 1994. Although a suspect almost from the start of the investigation, the only evidence at the police's disposal was circumstantial, and it wasn't until 2006 when a witness finally came forward that Ross was eventually convicted of the crime. This fascinating documentary charts events from the murder to his attempts to appeal in 2012.

Friday
Mary and Martha
BBC1, 8.30pm
Not content with being the man who gave us Blackadder, Four Weddings and a Funeral, and Love Actually, writer and director Richard Curtis also co-founded Comic Relief, and this year he's making a very special contribution in the form of this one-off drama. Granted, on paper Mary and Martha doesn't sound particularly funny, but it is a reminder of why Comic Relief exists and the causes it raises money for. Double-Oscar winner Hilary Swank stars as Mary, an American woman who meets the English Martha (Brenda Blethyn) in a remote corner of Mozambique. Despite their very different backgrounds, the women discover they are bonded by a common tragedy.

Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Lorraine Kelly
ITV, 9pm
Lorraine Kelly has been grilling celebrities and politicians for almost three decades, and has attracted no end of red-blooded admirers in the process, including JLS star Marvin Humes, who labelled her a cougar. In this show, she's responds to assorted personal questions, such as how she feels about being seen as a sex symbol. She also talks about how she was sacked from GMTV, weeks after giving birth to her daughter.

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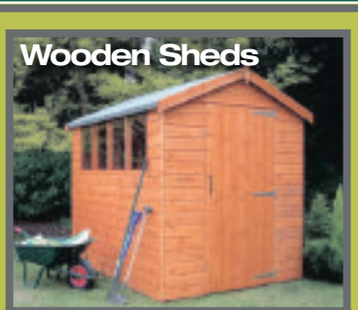
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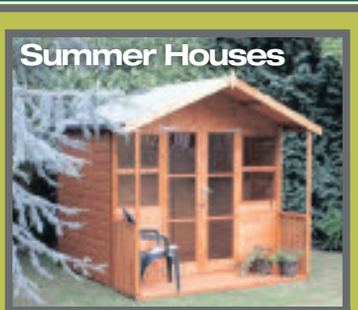
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Not so many in the cafe we run (5)
4. Fish forced to come to land (7)
8. Doesn't move the corpse (7)
9. Make an admission (3,2)
10. Philosopher reveals hypocrisy, we hear (4)
11. What to do to get the most satisfactory trip on horseback (8)

13 and 19 Down. Screen section put back as a hatch (4-4)

14 and 17 Across. Besides a greater amount in surplus (8)

16. The end of the trip - touch down before autumn (8)
17. See 14 Across.
20. Native of Australia to leave after a row (5)
21. An appointment associated with the French evangelist (7)
22. The distinctive nature of eastern scenes, maybe (7)
23. They are characterised in an adaptation of "The Loser" (5)

Down

1. Sounding to be in favour of information the prophet should have (13)
2. Who brings endless sorrow to a husband? (5)
3. Fence the track (4)
4. A crowd by the Spanish accommodation building (6)
5. Load it in - it's needed for expansion (8)
6. External telephone connection for broad statement (7)
7. Schools that have small charges (13)
12. The result of incomplete waxing! (4-4)
13. Could they be an inclusion in temporary accommodation? (7)
15. Stick to use as an axe (6)
18. Six talk endlessly, being full of life (5)
19. See 13 Across.

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Happen (5)
4. In addition (7)
8. Betrayer (7)
9. Zest (5)
10. Rid (4)
11. Trader (8)
13. Munch (4)
14. Let it stand (4)
16. Maintain (8)
17. Support (4)
20. Sluggish (5)
21. Disclose (7)
22. Beg (7)
23. Finished (5)

Down

1. Rusty (3-2-8)
2. Pursue (5)
3. Scold (4)
4. Trade by exchange (6)
5. Wisdom (8)
6. Far (7)
7. Lacking self-control (5-8)
12. Disparage (8)
13. Vanity (7)
15. Majestic (6)
18. Wandered (5)
19. Pain (4)

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 3 Ship-shape; 8 Upon; 9 Rehearsal; 10 Cereal; 11 Atoll; 14 Unite; 15 Dice; 16 Drill; 18 Ears; 20 Inept; 21 Serve; 24 Settle; 25 Magnolias; 26 Once; 27 Essential. Down: 1 Punctures; 2 Courtiers; 4 Heel; 5 Pleat; 6 Herald; 7 Plan; 9 Rated; 11 A time; 12 Limestone; 13 Feathered; 17 Lives; 19 Seance; 22 Valet; 23 Dais; 24 Saga. QUICK - Across: 3 Transport; 8 Espy; 9 Stretched; 10 Fleece; 11 Cycle; 14 Radio; 15 Edge; 16 Plays; 18 Thud; 20 Tacit; 21 Roost; 24 Fasten; 25 Frightful; 26 Soon; 27 Sterness. Down: 1 Perforate; 2 Splendour; 4 Rite; 5 Needy; 6 Pickle; 7 Reel; 9 Scoop; 11 Chart; 12 Education; 13 Pertinent; 17 Steal; 19 Dodger; 22 Satin; 23 Fret; 24 Fuss.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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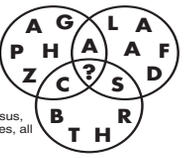
Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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Split level home on market for £179,950

AN impressive split-level semi-detached property in Wheathill Close, Penn, is on the market based on offers around £179,950.

The three-storey home is in a cul-de-sac on the brow of Church Hill with far-reaching views over Penn Common and beyond, with accommodation including spacious living room, kitchen with integrated appliances, porch with utility area, sitting room/bedroom with patio doors to garden, bathroom, two top floor bedrooms, garage and driveway parking.

Canopy

On the ground floor the living room is 19ft by 13ft 7in while the kitchen – 8ft 11in by 8ft 5in – has a range of base and wall units, laminated work surfaces, insert one and a half bowl sink, integrated oven and four ring hob with extractor canopy.

On the first floor is a sitting room/bedroom two with doors to the garden and a bathroom with white suite of panelled bath with wall mounted shower, pedestal wash hand basin and WC, and on the second floor two bedrooms.

Outside is a lawned front garden with shrub beds and driveway to a garage, while the tiered rear garden has a patio area, steps up to a lawn and further patio area. Call Bartlams on 01902 773322.

For details regarding this property in Wheathill Close, Penn, contact Bartlams on 01902 773322

Mid-terraced is in a convenient location

NUMBER 113 Aldersley Road, is a deceptively spacious traditional mid-terrace occupying a position which is convenient for access to the city centre plus a range of local amenities including schooling, shops, bus routes, parks and such.

Having been extensively modernised over recent years the property in Aldersley, Wolverhampton, now offers two reception rooms, kitchen, two first floor bedrooms, bathroom and a very useful boarded attic.

Attractive

There is uPVC double glazing and radiator central heating to much of the property.

To the front is a small garden, while the rear is a lawned garden which backs onto a green area.

The property, on the market for £112,500, will be offered with no upward chain and according to estate agent Rees Page, viewing is essential to fully appreciate the most attractive internal decorative order.

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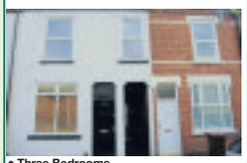

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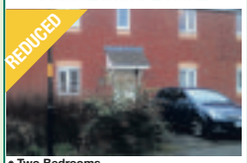

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- Downstairs Bathroom
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Situated in a popular residential area convenient for the majority of amenities and within easy access of the city centre this traditional semi-detached property is an excellent example of its type and ideal for purchasers looking for a property to restyle to own requirements. Entrance Hall • Front Living Room • Kitchen with archway to Dining Room • Feature Open Plan Conservatory with Utility Area • Landing • Three Bedrooms • Bathroom • Gas Central Heating & Mainly Double Glazing • Most Attractive Landscaped Rear Garden • EPC

118 Fairview Road - £139,950

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42 Greenfield Lane - £250,000

ALBRIGHTON

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199 Castlecroft Road - £185,000

TETTENHALL

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35 Mill Lane - £169,950

CASTLECROFT

Situated in a popular residential area particularly convenient for schools and shops this modern semi-detached property has been built to a well-planned design utilizing the maximum space and ideal for purchasers requiring a house to restyle to own requirements the property provides tremendous potential and includes: Entrance Hall • Living Room • Separate Dining Room • Kitchen with matching suite of units • Three Bedrooms • Bathroom with white suite • Garage • Attractive Enclosed Rear Garden • Warm Air Central Heating & Mainly Double Glazing • EPC Rating E

38A Castlecroft Road - £152,500

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• Exceptionally attractive traditional-style link detached residence in very pleasant position overlooking the park and particularly conveniently placed for easy access into the city centre • Ideal family home with spacious rooms and distinctive character but needing some updating and upgrading of specification to realise full potential • Fitted Cloakroom off Hall • Superb 30ft Through Lounge • Separate Dining Room • Neatly fitted Kitchen • 21ft Breakfast / Sitting Room • Master Bedroom suite incorporating Dressing Room with fitted shower cubicle • Three further Bedrooms • Bathroom and separate Toilet • Gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • 20ft Garage plus forecourt parking • Nice mature rear garden enjoying south-westerly aspect. (EPC:E)

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FIRST ADVERTISEMENT

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WOMBOURNE

FIRST ADVERTISEMENT

FOLEY GROVE• Neatly presented 3 Bed modern End-Terraced enjoying a particularly delightful rear aspect over a small allotment and the Staffs & Worc canal situated on the fringe of Poolhouse Farm development convenient for the new Sainsbury's store and handy for the village facilities • Cosy, compact and economical layout • Entrance Lobby • Lounge with brick fireplace • Dining Area and adjoining Kitchen with built-under oven, hob and cooker hood • 3 Bedrooms, one with wardrobe • Shower Room • Gas CH and uPVC double glazing • Integral Garage • Established Gardens ••NO CHAIN•• (EPC: Band TBA)

OFFERS AROUND £134,950

WOMBOURNE

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OFFERS AROUND £124,950

WOMBOURNE

BROOKSIDE CLOSE• Modern style 2 Bed Semi in favoured position on Poolhouse Farm development overlooking the Wombrook and handily positioned for local village amenities and supermarket shopping • In need of some upgrading and repair the property nevertheless provides enormous scope to create a comfortable first home or an ideal investment for letting • Lounge • Spacious Dining Kitchen • 2 Bedrooms • Modern style Bathroom • Gas CH and double glazing • Gardens to front and rear • Parking at rear ••NO UPWARD CHAIN•• (EPC: Band D)

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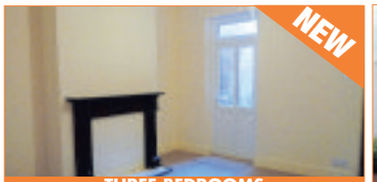

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A most pleasing Linked Detached Chalet styled House built to award winning Hathaway design enjoying a lovely cul-de-sac setting in this highly popular neighbourhood. Porch, reception hall, guests cloakroom, attractive lounge, dining room, breakfast kitchen, utility room, three bedrooms, deluxe shower room, CH, uPVC DG, double length garage, landscaped gardens. Energy rating: D

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WELLS ROAD PENN

Beautifully presented and highly attractive Semi Detached Family Residence of character and charm standing in a lovely private garden setting. The spacious accommodation comprises: Hall, fine lounge, dining room, extended and superbly fitted kitchen, three excellent bedrooms, deluxe bathroom, CH, uPVC DG, Garage. VIEWING RECOMMENDED. Energy rating: D.

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£189,995

FANCOURT AVENUE PENN

An especially attractive Semi Detached Family Residence of considerable appeal enjoying a lovely setting in this much favoured cul-de-sac. Enclosed porch, hall, dining room, lounge, breakfast kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, uPVC DG, CH, garage. A particular feature of this delightful property is the large beautifully landscaped rear garden. No upward chain. Energy rating: D

Offers £169,995

NORTHFIELD GROVE FINCHFIELD

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PRINCETON GARDENS PENDEFORD

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Offers £159,000

INCHLAGGAN ROAD FALLINGS PARK

An extended Semi Detached Family Residence standing on a very wide frontage in popular location handy for local shops, schools and bus services. Storm porch, hall, attractive lounge, dining room, extended breakfast kitchen, rear lobby and cloakroom with w.c., three good bedrooms, bathroom, central heating, majority uPVC DG, garage, generous sized gardens. Energy rating: E

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OXLEY MOOR ROAD OXLEY

Considerably improved Semi Detached Family Residence of considerable appeal well situated in this very popular road handy for Oxley Park Golf Course. Storm porch, hall, fine lounge, superbly fitted dining/living kitchen, three bedrooms, deluxe bathroom, CH, uPVC DG, garage space, gardens. Legal fee asstance (subject to terms and conditions). Energy rating: E

£124,995

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An especially attractive and delightfully presented Modern End Town House pleasantly situated close to excellent local amenities. Canopy porch, hall, cloakroom, through lounge/dining area, well fitted kitchen, three good bedrooms, deluxe bathroom, uPVC DG, part CH, laid out gardens. Viewing recommended. Energy rating: E

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2 double bed mid terraced house, fully modernised with laminate flooring and neutral decor, d/g & c/h, lovely fitted kitchen and bathroom with shower, small courtyard, walking distance to the City, available Now - UNFURNISHED epc band D

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Spacious 3 bed terraced house with 2 receptions, modern kitchen and upstairs bathroom with shower, excellent location, close to good schools, gas C/H & majority D/G. Rear garden with patio area. Available early March unfurnished. epc band E

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- Lounge, fitted dining kitchen, ground floor bathroom
- Two bedrooms with cot room/study
- Off road parking & garden to rear
- Energy rating D

£103,000

JOHN STREET
ETTINGSHALL

- Deceptively spacious mid town house
- Accommodation arranged over three floors
- 3/4 bedrooms, lounge & kitchen
- Off road parking & garden to rear
- Energy rating C

Offers £110,000

AMBLESIDE CLOSE
BILSTON

- A two bedroom end townhouse
- Lounge, fitted kitchen & conservatory
- Two bedrooms & bathroom
- Allocated parking & garden to rear
- Energy rating D

£89,995

ETHERIDGE ROAD
BILSTON

- Good sized traditional semi detached house
- Hall, WC, two reception rooms & kitchen
- Three bedrooms, shower room & separate WC
- Garden to the rear, viewing reocmmended!!
- Energy rating TBC

Offers £89,950

BROADMEADOW GREEN
BILSTON

- Traditional semi in need of complete refurbishment
- Offers great potential
- Hall, lounge, kitchen, side entry with store
- Three bedrooms & larger than average garden
- Energy rating TBC

Offers £75,000

PRICE CRESCENT
BILSTON

- Traditional semi on popular Villiers Estate
- Entrance hall, two reception rooms & breakfast kitchen
- Cloakroom with WC off, three bedrooms & shower room
- Off road parking & gardens
- Ebergy rating TBC

£93,000

KENILWORTH CRESCENT
LANESFIELD

- Traditional semi detached in convenient loaction
- Hall, two reception rooms, kitchen
- 3 bedrooms, shower room & bathroom
- Off road parking & gardens
- Energy rating TBC

Offers £100,000

ST CHADS ROAD
BILSTON

- A refurbished semi detached house
- Porch & hall, though lounge/diner, refitted kitchen
- Ground floor bathroom, 3 bedrooms to first floor
- Parking & enclosed garden to rear
- Energy rating D

Offers in excess of £99,995

MASEFIELD CLOSE
BILSTON

- Mid town house in cul-de-sac location
- Porch & hall, lounge, kitchen, utility
- Three bedrooms & bathroom
- Gardens to front & rear
- Energy rating C

£75,000

HUMPHRIES CRESCENT
BILSTON

- Good sized ground floor flat
- Lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms & bathroom
- double glazed & centrla heating
- Enclosed garden to rear
- Energy rating TBC

£55,000

REDWOOD ROAD
COSELEY

- Modern end town house in cul-de-sac location
- Entrance area, lounge, kitchen
- Two bedrooms & bathroom
- Allocated parking space, garage in sep block & garden to rear

£102,500

WALLACE ROAD
BILSTON

- Tradition semi in need of some modernisation
- Hall, through lounge & kitchen, ground floor bathroom
- Three bedrooms & WC to the first floor
- Off road parking & enclosed garden to rear
- Energy rating D

£87,000

WEDDELL WYND
BILSTON

- Traditional semi detached ideal for a family
- Hall, two reception rooms, kitchen & utility
- Three bedrooms & shower room/wet room
- Off road parking & garden to rear
- Energy rating D

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BRYNMAWR ROAD
WOODCROSS

- Traditional semi detached in need of some updating but great potential!!
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- Energy rating C

£105,000

KING STREET
BILSTON

- Good sized second floor flat
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- Gas central heating
- Energy rating TBC

£62,500

STEVEN DRIVE
COSELEY

- A modern semi detached in popular location
- Entrance hall, fitted kitchen, rear lounge
- Two bedrooms & bathroom
- Off road parking & garden to the rear
- Energy rating D

£89,950

LAND AT WOLSELEY ROAD
BILSTON

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- Planning permission for 5 apartments
- Convenient location to amenities
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£85,000

TOBRUK WALK
PORTOBELLO, WILLENHALL

- A surprisingly spacious mid town house
- Hall & cloakroom, lounge, dining kitchen & utility
- Three bedrooms & bathroom
- Gardens to front & rear
- Energy rating TBC

£79,000

PIRBRIGHT CLOSE
BILSTON

- A well presented and deceptively spacious end townhouse
- Hall & guest WC, lounge, kitchen with dining area off
- Three bedrooms, refitted shower room
- Off road parking & enclosed garden to rear
- Energy rating : TBC

£99,995

BRADLEY LANE
BILSTON

- Traditional semi detached in convenient location
- Porch & hall, two reception rooms & kitchen
- Three bedrooms & first floor bathroom
- Off road parking & garden to rear
- Energy rating E

£99,995

BILSTON ROAD
WILLENHALL

- Extended superior detached house in prominent location
- Lounge, kitchen, dining area & conservatory
- 3 beds & bathroom, attic room with bathroom
- Parking & brick built office/party room
- Energy rating D

£275,000

STOWHEATH LANE
WOLVERHAMPTON

- Well presented traditional style end terraced house
- Hall, lounge, dining kitchen, rear porch with WC off
- Two bedrooms & bathroom
- Off road parking to the fore & enclosed garden to rear
- Energy rating D

£89,950

HARDY SQUARE
PARKFIELDS

- Attractively presented traditional semi in convenient location
- Entrance hall, sitting room, fitted dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms & bathroom
- Off road parking, delightful gardens to rear
- Energy rating D

£89,000

BIRMINGHAM NEW ROAD
COSELEY

- A refurbished traditional semi detached
- Hall, open plan lounge, dining room & kitchen
- Three berooms & shower room
- Off road parking, covered carport & garden to rear
- Energy rating D

£119,995

UDALL ROAD
COSELEY

- Traditional mid terraced house with no upward chain
- Hall, lounge, dining kitchen, dining room/potential bed 3
- Two bedrooms & first floor bathroom
- Good sized enclosed garden to the rear
- Energy rating D

£62,500

BUNKERS HILL LANE
BILSTON

- Traditional three bed detached family home
- Lounge, kitchen, conservatory & garage
- Also with land to rear
- PP for three detached bungalows
- Energy rating F

£156,000 house or £240,000 land

PARK MEADOW AVENUE
BILSTON

- A modern semi detached house
- Hall, WC, lounge & dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms & bathroom
- Off road parking & garage & garden
- Energy rating D
- No Upward chain

£108,000

MILLS ROAD
WOLVERHAMPTON

- Traditional extended semi detached
- Lounge & dining kitchen
- Two bedrooms & shower room
- Off road parking & garden to rear
- Energy rating D

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BREWOOD £399,950

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BREWOOD £375,000

Located on Kiddemore Green Road and set within in approximately one third of an acre.this traditional detached property briefly comprises entrance hall, open plan kitchen, sperate sitting area, inner lobby with fitted cloakroom, dining room, Idigbo hardwood double glazing , oil fired central heating, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom suite and landscaped gardens with views over countryside.EPC=E

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CODSALL £349,500

Situated on Birches Avenue on an excellent plot this completly refurbished detached bungalow briefly comprises feature canopy porch, entrance hall, lounge diner with feature fireplace, fitted breakfast kitchen with built in appliances, chioce of 3 double bedrooms- master en-suite, bathroom and shower, DG & GCH, karndean flooring, ample parking and attached garage. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC=C

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TETTENHALL WOOD £299,950

Tucked away in Broxwood Park down a private drive this spacious detached bungalow provides well proportioned living accommodation Briefly comprises entrance hall with fitted cloakroom and shower, sitting room, good size double glazed conservatory, dining room, breakfast kitchen, three double bedrooms, family bathroom, driveway and double with garage and private enclosed rear garden.EPC=E

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PENN £295,000

This traditional detached property on Brenton Road briefly comprises reception porch, L shaped entrance hall, sitting room, separate dining room, garden room, fitted breakfast kitchen, utility, 3 first floor bedrooms master with magnificent views, bathroom,GCH & DG, driveway with ample parking, Mature and landscaped rear garden with breath taking elevated aspect over countryside. EPC=E

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PENN £285,000

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NORTON, NR SHIFNAL £249,950

Occupying a choice position on Cheswardine Lane on the fringe of open countryside with rural views this deceptively spacious semi detached cottage briefly comprises reception porch, entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, conservatory, study, fitted kitchen, utility, 3 double bedrooms, refitted bathroom, ample off street parking, detached garage and landscaped rear garden with brick built workshop.EPC=D

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PENN ROAD £210,000

Set back from the road and forming one half of a pair of architecturally designed semi detached properties this much improved property briefly comprises reception porch, entrance with fitted cloakroom, dining room, sitting room, conservatory/ garden room, fitted kitchen, inner hall way, outside utility, three bedrooms, family bathroom, ample off road parking, integral garage and front and rear landscaped gardens, EPC=D

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ETTINGSHALL PARK £205,000

Situated on Farrington Road this extended detached property briefly comprises reception porch, entrance hall, extended sitting room, dining room, extended breakfast kitchen, fitted cloakroom, 3 double bedrooms, family bathroom, lovely landscaped fore and rear gardens, ample off street parking and integral garage.EPC=D

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PALMERS CROSS- OFFERS AROUND £200,000

Occupying a choice position on Derwent Road this traditional detached property is set within an extensive garden briefly comprises reception porch, entrance hall, good size sitting room with open fireplace, dining room, fitted kitchen, inner lobby, wc, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom, off road parking, detached tandem garage and extensive mature private rear garden.EPC=D

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PENN ROAD £197,500

Set back from the road and forming one half of a pair of architecturally designed semi detached this much improved and well appointed property briefly comprises double glazed reception porch, entrance hall, dining room, sitting room, fitted kitchen, covered lobby, three double bedrooms, family bathroom, spearate wc, ample off road parking, detached garage and front and rear landscaped gardens. EPC=D

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BREWOOD £179,950

Situated in Oak Road this much improved and tastefully appointed semi detached property offers a practical and versatile interior. Briefly comprises entrance hall, sitting room with feature Victorian cast iron style fireplace, refitted kitchen with integrated appliances, DG & GCH, 3 bedrooms, bathroom suite with seperate shower cubicle, car port, detached garage and private and enclosed rear garden.EPC=E

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COMPTON £174,950

Located on Martham Drive this modern detached property has been sympathetically extended and modernised to provide versatile living accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge with feature fireplace, dining area, fitted breakfast kitchen with built in appliances, 3 bedrooms, contemporary bathroom, block paved driveway, attached garage and landscaped private tiered garden. EPC=D

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ETTINGSHALL PARK £169,950

Located on Dovedale Road this extended semi detached property has been much improved and incorporates a variety of appealing features. Briefly comprises entrance hall with fitted cloakroom, good size sitting room, separate dining room, fitted kitchen, a choice of 4 double bedrooms, family bathroom, GCH & DG, off street parking, integral garage and neatly laid private and mature rear garden.EPC=D

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MADELEY- TO LET £1,100 pcm

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Situated in Dunstanville Court this stylish gated development is well placed for Shifnal Town Centre and is also conveniently located for access to local motorway networks. This 2 bedroom ground floor apartment briefly comprises hallway, open plan lounge/kitchen/dining room, two good size bedrooms, bathroom with shower available immediatley. EPC=B

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A spacious well presented three bedroom semi-detached house occupying a quiet cul-de-sac location. Property comprises of a Hallway, Lounge, Fitted kitchen, Three good size bedrooms, Family Bathroom with shower. Fully enclosed rear garden, large brick paviour driveway with ample parking and garage to the fore. Contact our Tettenhall office to arrange a viewing. AVAILABLE NOW. NO DSS. PART FURNISHED. EPC=D

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LARCHES LANE £164,950

Located on the outskirts of Wolverhampton City Centre. this detached family residence briefly comprises entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, veranda, kitchen, downstairs w.c. 3 bedrooms, bathroom, detached garage, enclosed rear garden and off road parking to the fore. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC=F

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DUNSTALL PARK £125,000

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A three bedroom property in Aldersley area of Wolverhampton. The property offers, two reception rooms, conservatory, kitchen diner and large garden.

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£120,000

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Norbury Road, Wolverhampton

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Lot 36	157 Brookvale Park Road, Erdington, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
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Lot 51	24 Hart Road, Wednesfield	Residential Investment
Lot 52	The Queens Head, Sugar Brook Lane, Stoke Pound Bromsgrove, Worcestershire	Commercial Vacant
Lot 53	The Kings Head, 92 East Street, Fritwell, Bicester SOLD PRIOR	Commercial Vacant
Lot 54	28 Middleton Road, Kidderminster	Residential Vacant
Lot 55	126 Chipperfield Road, Castle Bromwich, Birmingham Ground	Rent
Lot 56	56 Woodfield Crescent, Sparkbrook, Birmingham Ground	Rent
Lot 57	151 Turfpits Lane, Erdington, Birmingham Ground	Rent
Lot 58	458 College Road, Kingstanding, Birmingham Commercial Ground	Rent
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Lot 60	466 College Road, Kingstanding, Birmingham Commercial Ground	Rent
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Lot 65	13 Shaw Road, Tipton	Residential Vacant
Lot 66	324 Wolverhampton Road, Walsall	Residential Vacant
Lot 67	169 Green Lawns, Tipton	Residential Investment
Lot 68	Jubilee House, Boatmans Lane, Brownhills	Commercial Vacant
Lot 69	Land Corner of Hospital Lane & Masons Street, Coseley NOT BEING OFFERED	Land
Lot 70	171 Park Lane, Wednesbury	Residential Vacant
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Lot 72	6 Vicarage Grove, Acocks Green, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
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Lot 76	27 Harcourt Road, Kibworth, Leicester	Residential Investment
Lot 77	9 Morrison Avenue, Wolverhampton	Residential Investment
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Lot 80	Flat 3 / 371 Gillott Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
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Lot 84	69 Aston Road North, Aston, Birmingham	Commercial Vacant
Lot 85	Cafe 56, 56 Gravelly Lane, Erdington, Birmingham	Commercial Investment
Lot 86	9 Brades Road, Oldbury, West Midlands	Commercial Vacant
Lot 87	1 Hart Road, Wednesfield	Residential Investment
Lot 88	14 Hart Road, Wednesfield	Residential Investment
Lot 89	Flat 3 Horsehill House, Horsehills Drive, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
Lot 90	39 North Street, Dudley	Residential Investment
Lot 91	62 Neachells Lane, Wednesfield	Residential Investment
Lot 92	99 Neachells Lane, Wednesfield	Residential Investment
Lot 93	32 Brackleys Way, Solihull, West Midlands	Residential Vacant
Lot 94	17-19 Walsall Road, Cannock	Commercial Vacant
Lot 95	32 Newbolt Road, Bilston	Residential Vacant
Lot 96	Land Adj. The Coppice, Newport Road, Codsall	Land
Lot 97	Land 24i Portway Hill, Rowley Regis	Land
Lot 98	Strategic Land off Kennford Road, Rowley Regis	Land
Lot 99	Land R/o 4-24 Upper Ettingshall Road, Coseley	Land
Lot 100	112 Albert Road, Stechford, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 101	5 Oaken Drive, Willenhall	Residential Investment
Lot 102	24 Winchester Drive, Wednesfield	Residential Investment
Lot 103	24 Miller Crescent, Bilston	Residential Vacant
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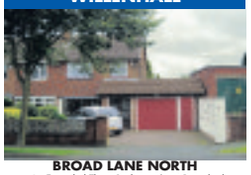

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•An Extended Three Bedroom Semi Detached •Extended Dining Room •Extended Garage •Utility & Downstairs WC •Block Paved Driveway •Gas Central Heating System •Double Glazing Where Stated •No Upward Chain •Viewing Recommended:>

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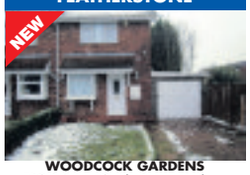

WOODCOCK GARDENS
•EPC Rating Is Grade D •Two Bedroom Semi Detached •Cul-De-Sac Locaton •Sun Room •Front & Rear Gardens •Parking & Garage •No Chain

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£575 PCM WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

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•EPC Rating Is Grade E •Three Bedroom Mid Terraced Property:•Gas Central Heating:•Double Glazing:•Off Road Parking:•Rear Garden:•Available Now:•DSS With A Guarantor>

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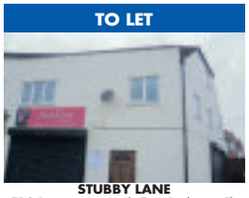
•Close To New Cross Hospital & Wednesfield Village •Two Bedroom Mid Terraced •Two Reception Rooms •Upstairs Bathroom •DHSS Accepted With Guarantor

£450 PCM WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

TO LET



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Suzuki Swift SZ-L, with its 1.2-litre Dual-VVT engine, sits between the Sport and SZ3 models

Popular Suzuki Swift range gets luxurious new addition

Suzuki has added a luxurious but affordable new model to the Swift range, to sit between the Sport and the SZ3.

Adding features from the Swift Sport to the existing SZ3 spec, such as a boot spoiler and red stitching on the steering wheel and gear knob, the Swift SZ-L is aimed at buyers who want the looks but don't need the highly tuned 1.6-litre engine from the Sport.

The SZ-L also adds unique 16in alloy wheels, rear privacy glass, cruise control and free metallic paint in a choice of four colours.

It uses only the surprisingly powerful 1.2-litre Dual-VVT petrol engine, which produces 93bhp combined with CO2 emissions of 116g/km.

At present that means free road tax for the first year and then a £30 fee after that. Fuel economy is up to 56.5mpg.

The model is rated in a relatively low insurance group so should be accessible to the young target audience, especially when combined with Suzuki's current 'VAT-free' offer which sees a 20 per cent reduction in the purchase price.

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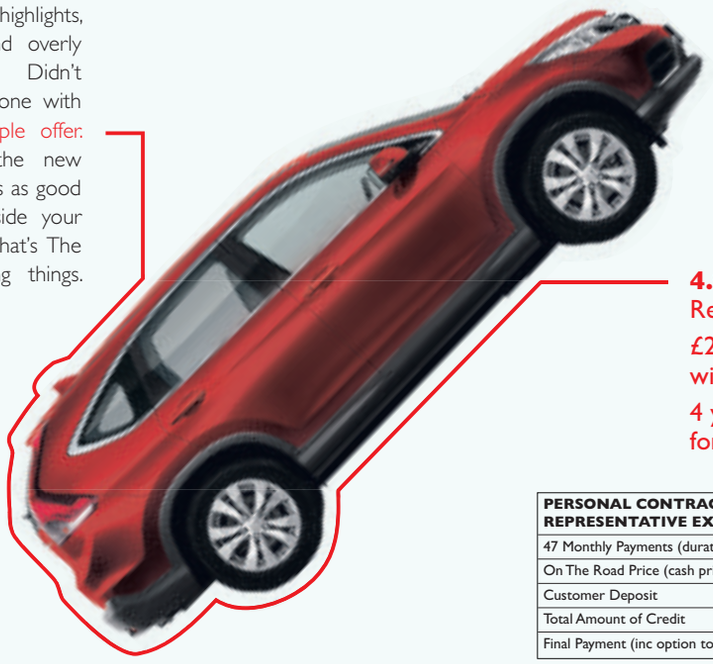

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Model shown: New CR-V 2.0 i-VTEC S 2WD Manual in Passion Red Pearl at £21,895 On The Road including metallic paint. **Terms and Conditions:** New retail CR-V registrations from 2 January 2013 to 31 March 2013. Subject to model and colour availability. Offers applicable at participating dealers and are at the promoter's absolute discretion. **Honda Aspirations (PCP):** Example shown based on annual mileage of 10,000. **Excess mileage charge:** 5p per mile. You do not have to pay the Final Payment if you return the car at the end of the agreement and you have paid all other amounts due, the vehicle is in good condition and has been serviced in accordance with the Honda service book and the maximum annual mileage of 10,000 has not been exceeded. Indemnities may be required in certain circumstances. Finance is only available to persons aged 18 or over, subject to status. All figures are correct at time of publication but may be subject to change. Credit provided by Honda Finance Europe Plc. 470 London Road, Slough, Berkshire SL3 8QY. **Servicing:** Four years' servicing or 50,000 miles, whichever comes first, for £399 including VAT and includes a maximum of four manufacturer's scheduled services.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ACT 2004
THE STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES AND) ORDER NO 1 (AMENDMENT) NO. 15/2013

1. Staffordshire County Council on 19 February 2013 made a Traffic Order under Sections 1, 2, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 47, 49, 53, 124 (1)(d) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and the Traffic Management Act 2004 which:
   (a) prevents you from parking your vehicle between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. and between 3.00 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. on Monday to Friday inclusive on the following lengths of roads:
   Sandy Lane, Codsall (North Side) – from it's junction with Elliotts Lane in a westerly direction for a distance of approximately 40 metres.
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   Elliotts Lane/Watery Lane, Codsall (West Side) – from a point approximately 20 metres north of its centreline junction with Bilbrook Road in a southerly direction to a point approximately 65 metres south of its centreline junction with the access road to Codsall Community High School.
   Elliotts Lane/Watery Lane, Codsall (East Side) – from a point approximately 20 metres north of it's junction with Bilbrook Road in a southerly direction to a point approximately 13 metres north of its centreline junction with the access road to Codsall Community High School.
   Elliotts Lane/Watery Lane, Codsall (East Side) – from a point approximately 12.5 metres south of its centreline junction with the access road to Codsall Community High School in a southerly direction for a distance of approximately 53 metres.
   (b) prohibits you from stopping your vehicle between the hours of 8.00 am and 5.00 pm on Monday to Friday inclusive on the "School Keep Clear" road markings on the following length of road.
   Elliotts Lane, Codsall (East Side) – from a point approximately 12.5 metres north of its centreline junction with the access road to Codsall Community High School in a southerly direction for a distance of approximately 25 metres.
2. Exceptions permit waiting and stopping where necessary in connection with the maintenance of roads and the supply of gas, electricity, telephones, sewerage services and water; for vehicles being used for floods defence works or land drainage works or in the service of the Environment Agency; for emergency service vehicles; for building, industrial or demolition operations; for vehicles being used for the provision of a universal postal service by a universal service provider.
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4. This Order amends the Staffordshire County Council (South Staffordshire) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) Order No 1 and is called the Staffordshire County Council (South Staffordshire) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) Order No 1 (Amendment) No. 15/2013.
5. This Order amends the Plans which form part of the Staffordshire County Council (South Staffordshire) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) Order No 1 by the addition of a new Plan marked AM 267.
6. Full details of the Order, together with a map showing the roads involved, may be examined during normal office hours at the office of the Deputy Chief Executive & Director for Place; 1 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford, ST16 2LP and during normal opening hours at Codsall Library, South Staffordshire District Council Offices, Wolverhampton Road, Codsall and are available to view at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/transport/staffshighways/trafficregulationorders.aspx
7. Any person who desires to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant sections of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 or on the grounds that any requirement of those sections or of Parts I, II, and III of Schedule 9 of the Act or any regulations made under the said Part III of Schedule 9 of the Act has not been complied with in relation to the Order, may, within six weeks of the date on which the Order was made, make an application for the purpose to the High Court.
8. The Order will come into operation on 27 February 2013.

John Tradewell, Director of Law and Democracy,
2 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford, ST16 2LP.

Date 21 February 2013

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (As Amended)
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991
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THE ORDER WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON SUNDAY 10 MARCH 2013, AND THE SAID WORKS WILL COMMENCE ON OR AS NEAR AS PRACTICABLE TO THAT DATE. THE CLOSURE WILL BE EFFECTIVE ON EACH CONSECUTIVE SUNDAY UP TO AND INCLUDING 24 MARCH 2013. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE WORKS WILL BE COMPLETED BY SUNDAY 24 MARCH 2013.

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Wolves put to the sword by Spartans

Wolverhampton 13 Spartans 28

WOLVERHAMPTON'S dramatic loss of form continued as the Spartans put the home side to the sword.

After cup heartache last week, Wolverhampton hoped to complete a Midlands Two West (North) double over Spartans and get their promotion campaign back on track. Unfortunately for the home side the visitors had very different ideas and came away with a well-deserved bonus point.

After kicking off, Wolverhampton set up camp on the opposition line for 15 minutes. Unfortunately individual errors at crucial times and a couple of missed penalty attempts meant the scoreboard was untroubled. That was until the Spartans winger entered the fray. After a 22-metre drop out was well fielded by the visitors, the speedy youngster went the length of the field for a converted try.

After bossing the first quarter-hour, Wolverhampton found themselves seven points down.

Eight points from winger Will Jones in the form of a try and a penalty wrested the lead back in the home side's favour and it appeared their supposed superior quality would shine through.

Spartans, however, put on a

Rugby union

display of commitment, desire and workrate that Wolverhampton seemed unwilling to match.

With minutes to go in the first half, the home side looked poised to extend their one-point lead. A scrum followed by a backs move which has resulted in several tries this season carved the defence to shreds only for the final pass to go astray, the Spartans winger collecting the ball and sprinting the length of the pitch for another seven-pointer despite cries from the home supporters for a knock-on. That left Spartans six points up at half-time. But if the try just before the interval was a dagger blow, what was to follow was significantly worse.

After receiving the kick-off, Wolves' forwards crashed the ball forward and to the edge of their 22m area.

However, once again over-elaborate play proved an error as the Spartans centre intercepted to romp over from short distance.

In the space of three minutes, Wolves had gone from what looked like being a six-point lead to being 13 points behind.

It was a shock to the system from which they would not recover. Sustained pressure from Wolverhampton failed to produce points as, over and over again, Spartans repelled dangerous attacks with sheer determination and workrate.

In the end, on a rare foray into the Wolves' half a fourth try was scored by Spartans after a strong scrummage, this time unconverted.

With the game over Wolverhampton showed some determination and grit – a case of too little, too late – and full-back Alex Bird crashed over for a try that was of little consolation.

Wrestling hotbed is home for Mad Dog

PRO wrestling is heading to Bushbury – with a local fighter on the bill.

Matt Powell, as Mad Dog Maxx, steps between the ropes at Bushbury WMC on Thursday, February 28.

"Wrestling is really on the up," he said. "I wrestle all over the UK and crowds are great, but in the Black Country they are just that little bit louder, that little bit more enthusiastic.

"It really is fast becoming the hotbed of pro wrestling here! Being from the area, it always makes me proud to wrestle back in the Black Country, in front of my family, friends and hometown crowd," said the 28-year-old.

Also appearing is "Psycho" Shane Stevens, who competed on ITV's World of Sport wrestling shows many times in the 1980s, tagging with the legendary Kendo Nagasaki as well as fighting wrestling ico Big Daddy.

"We were in people's living rooms every Saturday afternoon, we were recognised when we popped out to the shops or went to the gym," said Stevens.

"As an 18-year-old I didn't quite know how to take it all, but I soon settled into the industry. Today's wrestling is not so different; now I'm a veteran on the tours and I recount stories back-stage to the young guys about Mick McManus and Jackie Pallo.

"Nowadays my style has changed; I leave jumping off the top rope to the younger lads!"

Cameron Matthews, of Florida tops the bill. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are £5 or £17.50 for a family of four.

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Stepping up no problem for quartet

WITH four out of seven players temporarily stepping up from Division Four, Chase Comets still scored 24 to beat Mak Seven in Division Three of Wolverhampton City Netball League.

The victory, with Mak Seven scoring 15, came despite some solid defending by Pauline Hickman and player of the match Sally Payne.

Highlight of Division Two was the goal for goal battle between Static and Ladybirds with a last-minute winning goal for the latter.

Division One contenders Sapphets took a 42-20 victory against Baileys with fine shooting by Gail Perrins and Laura Green.

Deb Corr and Michelle Bailey of Sam Three also converted well against Crescent to take the match by a score of 30-10.

The Plate Knockout saw RAF Cosford, with two players short, go down heavily to Molineux Hornets 39-8.

Current champions Chasetown A ploughed into the final of the Open Knockout by beating Whitmore X 30-21 in the semi-final.

Division 1: Crescent 10 (0) Sam Three 30 (5); Baileys 20 (0) Sapphets 42 (5). **Division 2:** Whitmore Y 30 (5) Penn Outsiders 20 (1); Sam Two 35 (5) Dolls One 19 (1); Static 22 (2) Ladybirds 23 (5). **Division 3:** Mak Seven 15 (1) Chase Comets 24 (5); Whitmore J 17 (1) Jupiter 29 (5); Sedgley Sirens 16 (1) Fusion 27 (5); Roldec 15 (1) Whitmore T 25 (5). **Division 4:** Chasetown B 15 (1) Chase 30 (5); Chase Ultra 25 (5) Sam Five 17 (1). **Division 5:** Whitmore A 22 (5) Zimmers 10 (0); Ice 36 (5) Allsortz 20 (1); Blaze 20 (5) Flygirls 12 (1); Molineux Scorpions 10 (2) Diamonds 15 (5). **Plate Knockout:** RAF Cosford 8 Molineux Hornets 39. **Open Knockout:** Whitmore X 21 Chasetown A 30.

Final place secured as fightback is completed

New Park Village U15 2 Perton and Codsall Utd U15 Wolves 3

PERTON AND CODSALL hit back from 2-1 down to take victory and march into the Merit Shield final.

They scored as Alex Blyth was brought down in the area as he collected a through ball and crossed for Louis Harper to net. The referee had already blown for a penalty and Taylor Wycherley sent the keeper the wrong way.

Village were level inside a minute, hit the bar before the break and scored again with 20 minutes left but Ramesh Ram equalised.

Alex Blyth picked up a through ball, held off a defender and beat the keeper for a win giving Perton and Codsall enough points to go into the final.

Tipton Youth 0
Perton and Codsall U15 East 2

Perton and Codsall made it two wins out of two against Tipton.

Goals from winger Ravaendeepa Padda and leading scorer Jack Wilde secured the points.

Beacon FC 0
Perton and Codsall U13 6

Perton and Codsall topped their group to go to the Merit Shield final with goals from Jack Drew (2), Jake Bannister, James Williams, James Tranter and George Finley.

Springvale Steel P'thers U11 4
Perton and Codsall U11 5

A hat-trick from Jack O'Regan and a goal apiece for Daniel Hooper and Jacob Jones won a Bilston League thriller for Perton and Codsall, who had trailed 3-0 at half-time.

Penn Colts U10 North 4
Phoenix Youth U10 1

Penn scored after seven minutes as Aman Gill was brought down and hit home the free-kick from distance.

Phoenix levelled but in the second half Penn made chances and two were put away by Kameron Sidhu and Juan Dhir.

Gill completed the scoring with another free-kick.

Junior football

Blackheath Town Colts U11 0
Bilbrook Juniors U11 4

In Stourbridge Junior Football League Division Three Bilbrook stretched their unbeaten run to 14.

Goals from Liam Gray (2), Jack Cash and Chris Richardson won the points.

Inspired work by the Blackheath keeper prevented a bigger scoreline as Jayden Waltho and Jackson Stone caused constant problems and a well-drilled back line ensured a ninth clean sheet of the season.

Mostyn Rangers U15 2
Old Wulfs U15 3

Old Wulfs took the points in a game that might be significant at the end of the Stourbridge League Division One season.

They scored as Ethan Scott broke into the area and squared for Rory Harrison to score but Mostyn levelled through Scott Baker.

A delightful through ball from Zak Lilley was again finished by Harrison.

As the game opened up, a splendid goal-line clearance from Jack Cox preserved Wulfs' lead and they added a third shortly afterwards, courtesy of Ben Dutton's left-foot shot into the corner.

Previously unbeaten Mostyn were given a boost when Kyle Millward scored with a free-kick, but Wulfs were able to close out the game.

Rangers are looking smart in their new strip

All smiles – Ashmore Park Rangers Under-10s face the camera in their smart new red and yellow playing strip

ASHMORE PARK RANGERS Under-10s football team have a new strip, thanks to new sponsor, Bizspace.

Team coach Rob Palmier, who has run Red River Games, based at Bizspace's centre on Planetary Road, Willenhall, for two years, approached centre manager Stewart Pearson regarding sponsorship and he was happy to help out the local team.

"The sponsorship from Bizspace has enabled the team to have a nice new kit. The old kit was getting small (nine-year-old kids keep growing!) and it isn't easy trying to raise the money to buy a new one," said Palmier.

Pearson added: "Bizspace likes to do its bit to help out our customers and the local community whenever possible, and this was an ideal opportunity.

"We wish all the best of luck to Ashmore Park Rangers for the season ahead."

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Title grip tightened by victory over rivals

Willenhall 12
Wolverhampton 15

WOLVERHAMPTON seconds strengthened their grip on the Merit Table title with this tight derby victory.

Wolves started brightly and pressured Willenhall at every available opportunity, but with difficult conditions making stringing several phases together tricky, the odd score was to be critical.

After about 20 minutes, Wolves made the breakthrough when the pack carried several quick phases recycling well, the ball was spun back right and Alex Dijiza scored under the posts for Andy Smailes to convert.

An error-strewn game saw Wolves get the next score.

After a good kick to the corner, the forwards drove over for Danny Bromley to emerge from the bottom of the pile to claim his second try in as many weeks.

Willenhall cut arrears in the second half as they scored a try from a quick tap penalty.

A Smailes penalty made it 15-5 although an over-thrown line-out saw Willenhall grab a converted try to cut the margin to three points. Wolves' pack turned a home scrum, the last play of the game, were awarded the put-in and cleared the to touch to end the match.

Resistance is broken by visitor pace

Wolverhampton 7
Handsworth 47

WOLVES' thirds were up against it against unbeaten Handsworth seconds.

The visitors' youthful, speedy backs were always going to have the upper hand against their slightly more pedestrian Wolves counterparts.

However, big performances by Ed Liebscher and Clive Francis in the centres and Dave Myers, Dan Harington and Bob Blackstock in the pack gave Handsworth a run for their money and ensured that the visitors didn't get everything their own way.

Good Wolves defence on the line repelled early pressure from Handsworth, who were kept out for the first 20 minutes.

But it was no surprise that their backs created three first-half tries although Wolves had a score of their own when prop Dan Harington powered over the line from 10 yards out.

Handsworth managed to outflank the home defence for four further tries in the second period.

Semi reached despite blows

Burton U16 0
Wolverhampton U16 22

WOLVES, hit by injuries and unavailability, reached the semi-final of the Staffordshire Cup against an invigorated Burton squad.

Wolves' pack had a clear edge in the set-piece, but Burton contested fiercely at the breakdown.

Despite possession problems, Wolves crossed for three first-half tries through winger Adam Ellis, twice, and centre Sean Casey. Tom Jones added a conversion.

Rob Chapman added a second-half try before injury left Wolves with 14 for the last two minutes.

Wolves' under-12s lost 8-6 at home to Stourbridge.

Neil takes honours with bream and roach

NEIL TURNER (Maver Tipton VDE) took the honours in Wednesday's Wolverhampton AA Open on the Staffs & Worcester Canal at Penkridge.

He tipped a 12-1-8 net of bream and quality roach as Phil Howell (Bilston AC) was second with 3-2-7. Bob Edgerton (Goodyear AC) took third with 2-9-11.

In torrential rain a dozen Goodyear AC members were at the Shropshire Union Canal, Rye Hill, for a Sunday Club encounter which saw Johnny Benness win with a mainly perch to 8oz net of 3-10-10.

John Hunter and club secretary Malcolm Bethell were second and third with 2-4-4 and 1-11-4 respectively.

Tony Wollaston (Fatty's Tackle) nailed the Wednesday Affordable at King's Pools, Shareshill, with a 20-2-0 haul of pellet-tempted F1's to 2lb. Terry Edwards (Swan

Angling

Elite) was second with like fish for 16-12-0 and Kings' Les Willey came third on 14-2-0.

The Big Match Pool, chosen for Saturday's Open, saw John Benjamin take a 16-15-0 net of F1's. Edwards had to settle for second again with 14-10-0. Nigel Clarke (King's) third was third with 14-2-0.

Shakespeare Superteam captain Mick Hatchard netted 83-0-0 to win round three of King's Pools Teams of Five Winter League. Adam Rumble, of Mosella Black Country, was second with 49-11-0 ahead of Kings' man Jamie Langford (47-0-0).

League leaders Plan B took 16 points. Wednesfield AC (21) came second with Never Ever Nomads (22) third.

Shifnal's Dave Ridgeway (24-10-0) was first in an Open event on the Hotel Bank section of the Great Lake, Patshull Park, Pattingham. Steve Preece (M&S Joinery) was second with 16-6-0 and Gary Johnson (Sensas) third with 8-8-0.

Dean Homer led the way as Club 2000 dominated the third round of the Wassell Grove Individual Winter League. He defied harsh, wintry conditions to top the charts with four of his team-mates following him home to complete a top-five clean sweep.

A superb haul of carp to 5lb for 106-4-0, captured on long pole and pellet tactics from Brook peg 22, earned Homer the individual prize. Alan Gethen used the same method on Brook peg 20 to take second with 72-6-0.

Andy Gorton (38-8-0) was third followed by Terry Homer (32-12-0) and Sam Parker (31-12-0). DJ Williams (Halesowen RBL) completed the frame with 20-13-0.

Williams stepped up a gear to land the Moorlands Farm open event in Hartlebury, staged on the Meadow Pool. Drawn on peg eight, he poled legered corn for a 66-11-0 bag of carp to 10lb.

Williams finished one fish clear of Mosella's Chris Hill, who banked 56-12-0. Mick Henshall (Foster's) secured third with 50-6-0.

The Club 2000 boys were on form once again in an Open contest on Mucky Meadow and Furnace Pools at Furnace Mill Fisheries in Bewdley.

A fine 67-12-0 varied net of carp to 6lb alongside bream, perch and chub assured Club 2000's Dave Johnson the top prize from Mucky Meadow peg 32.

Team-mates Gethen (59-2-0) and Dean Homer (48-4-0) secured second and third respectively.

Institute's Rob hits new high with a ton

West Midlands snooker

STAFFORD INSTITUTE A thrashed Landywood A as Robert Wharne rattled in a final-frame 119 break to set a new high for the season.

Wins by Matt Hyden, Graham Beardmore, Lee Walker and Chris Ward put Stafford firmly in control.

Shifnal A's Matt Davies, had a 104 break in a 4-1 win over Hotshots SC A backed up with wins by Chris Jones (48), Mick Brezwyn and Tom Maxfield to keep a slim title challenge alive. Hotshots' Milan Krstanovic won.

British Rail A regained Division Two top spot, winning a game in hand on Sedgley WMCA to go two points clear by beating fourth-placed Shifnal B 3-2 thanks to Mike Smith (33), Richard Davies (31) and Lee Thomson. Shifnal's Chris Morgan Adams and Steve Fletcher won.

Woodfield Social A moved into third place, four points behind the leadersas they demolished struggling Bilston Town BC A 4-1.

Ed Jennings, Simon Thomas, Paul Manning and Matt Harvey won with Stewart Parton taking Bilston's consolation frame.

In Division Three Sedgley WMC B are five points clear at the top having played a game more than closest rivals Woodcross WMC D.

Clear

Bilston Labour A lost 5-0 to Sedgley's Steve Spicer, Mark Gilbert, Stuart Barker, Matt Caron and Glenn Millard.

The top two in Division Four both lost 3-2, so Codsall Cons A stay top, a point clear of Essington WMC B who lost 3-2 at home to Coseley Ex Service A.

In Division Five Landywood SC E kept pressure on leaders Golden Cue D beating Wednesfield Cons D 5-0 to stay second.

Division Six leaders Bushbury Grid lost for a second consecutive week – 2-3 at promotion rivals Fordhouses CC D. A new high break for the season was set in this division as Joe Edgley of Woodfield Social D smashed in 74.

In Challenge Cup quarter-finals Sedgley Ex-Service A lost at Division Five Landywood SC E by an aggregate of 55 points, Landywood's Matt Pickering defending a 100 lead against Mitchell Mann.

Striker Kevin Doyle is crowded out during Wolves' goalless draw away to Derby

Wolves emerged from the pre-match huddle to pick up a valuable Championship point

Wolves draw another blank in revival hunt

Derby 0 Wolves 0

WOLVES' worst season for a quarter of century trundled on in search of a point of revival.

How typical of such a deteriorating – and very worrying – campaign that a drab stalemate at Pride Park may have given this tormented team a glimpse of one, ***writes Martin Swain.***

It was the second goalless draw of Dean Saunders' reign and was the sixth winless match under the new boss.

But it came without any of the heroics Carl Ikeme had to produce to secure the previous blank at Sheffield Wednesday.

The game was deep into added time before Wolves' keeper had to make a taxing save, although that should not undervalue his terrific stop from Jamie Ward's free-kick that was a heart-in-the-mouth moment for nearly 2,000 travelling fans.

But Wolves picked a path through this contest with an element of composure and substance in their defending which hasn't been apparent all too often this season.

Blossoming

New man Kaspars Gorkss followed a reassuring debut and it was the best 90 minutes so far in the shirt of his parent club from the blossoming Danny Batth.

The Gorkss-Batth pairing at least gave a sense of heels being dug in the mudslide dragging the club towards League One.

Batth looks as if he is enjoying himself, relishing and thriving now he has the one thing he craved from Molineux – a chance.

He was outstanding at Pride Park in all the simple and ugly components of defending but his manager will be grateful for that.

All eyes, however, kept straying to Gorkss, wondering whether a reserve from a just-promoted Premier League team could make a major difference.

And it has to be said he did. A more naturally left-sided footballer than Berra, there was a composure and calm about the Latvian even though he will be a few games yet from getting fully up to speed.

But, free from the scars of what all Wolves players have been experiencing in the last 18 months, Gorkss was a comforting presence despite unfamiliar surroundings, a perceived lack of pace exposed only once by the marauding Conor Sammon.

Perhaps that in itself is a tribute to the 31-year-old's positioning.

Of course, this was only one game and Derby were weakened by injuries.

But there was a substance about this solitary point which can only have heartened the team in a campaign devoid of confidence.

No-one reflects this more than poor Kevin Doyle, a forward now unrecogniseable from a more expensive Wolves raid on Reading.

Saunders still has to register the complete performance with an effective edge at both ends of the pitch.

And it must also be conceded that, for all the command of the visiting defenders, Derby's enjoyed much the same blanket success in front of Adam Legzdins.

Saunders went for another 'tweak' in search of a different outcome but got just the same from his first pairing of Doyle and Bjorn Sigurdarson.

Doyle's desperate struggle to carry any kind of threat is a now familiar theme. One first-half incident, dithering as he moved on to a David Edwards cross which promised an opening, exposed a striker devoid of conviction.

Sigurdarson's effort was unyielding and carried more thrust, although it was difficult to agree with Saunders' view that his team had created chances.

Rather, they created chances to make chances, but all slipped by leaving Legzdins' only troublesome moments to come from shots of distance by Jamie O'Hara and an otherwise subdued Bakary Sako.

Still, a tiny step forward.

Danny Batth gets up highest to put a header on target for Wolves

Debutant Kaspars Gorkss shadows Conor Sammon

Lockmen too late to stop the Flyers

Willenhall Town 1 Lye Town 3

TABLE-TOPPING Lye took the points as Willenhall only got into the match once they were 3-0 down.

Lye had the best of the first half of the West Midlands Premier clash, Steve Weaver firing at keeper Matt Rogers before heading high over on 18 minutes.

Three minutes later the Flyers led as Rogers did well to save after a deflection nearly fooled him. Richard Anslow netted the loose ball.

It should have been 2-0 early in the second half as Tom Rann was robbed of possession but Callum Haynes made a timely tackle as Weaver shaped to shoot.

Two quick-fire goals killed the game. On 63 minutes a ball through the middle saw Kalum Evitts run through to net comfortably.

Three minutes later the defence seemed a little slow getting to Anslow out wide on the right of the box and he bent a superb effort around Rogers and in off the far post from a tight angle.

The Lockmen finally awoke from their slumbers as Jake Morgan was denied as he burst through the middle before he headed home from a 76th-minute corner.

Contenders are strong in stern tester

Wolverhampton Schools U15 3
Coventry Schools U15 6

COVENTRY showed why they are the West Midlands' strongest and contenders for the national title despite a stern test by Wolves.

Luke Scorey put Wolves ahead in the third minute but they lost Djioffre Mpoyi to injury and conceded from a resultant free-kick.

Rory Harrison hooked in a free-kick from Kane Lewis give Wolves a platform for their best spell but, in the five minutes before half-time Coventry netted twice from distance to lead 3-2.

Further weakened by injuries after the break, Wolves were rocked by another stunning strike but with admirable spirit battled back and cut the gap when Ben Dutton scored.

In the final minutes, with Wolves running on empty, Coventry ruthlessly exploited the gaps and created simple finishes for goals five and six.

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Cottagers welcome victory as B's resist

Wednesfield 2 Bustleholme 0

WEDNESFIELD grabbed a welcome West Midlands Premier victory against a Bustleholme anchored at the foot of the table.

Steve Dougliss fired wide and Ben Sanderson fired over before Bustleholme's Jamie Clews forced a diving save from Wednesfield keeper Sam Arnold.

On 19 minutes Josh Carvel's right-wing cross was headed in at the far post by Wednesfield youngster Kieron Whittaker.

The visitors went close as Jake Foster's looping 35 yarder nearly caught out Arnold but the ball just cleared the bar.

Despite having only one win Bustleholme enjoyed a good spell as Ricky Martin's 25-yard free-kick hit the bar with Arnold looking on.

Wednesfield replied as Bustleholme's keeper Sam Slater denied Kalem Betts' shot by using his legs after a good move involving Sanderson and Sam Giles.

The home side survived an anxious moment in the 81st minute when Clews' header wrong-footed Arnold but just went over the bar.

Slater again used his legs to deny Andre Calder's close range shot as the home side threatened to add to their score.

However Wednesfield's substitute Ryan Carter made it 2-0 in added time with a well taken goal.

Mark keeps chase going

Wellington 1
Wolverhampton Casuals 2

WOLVERHAMPTON Casuals stay with West Midlands Premier title-chasers thanks to a goal in each half by Mark Bellingham.

Casuals's Sean Williams headed a Tom Maydew cross down for him to score from close range on 15 minutes.

Casuals keeper Todd Henderson had to save from Sam Thomas and were denied a penalty as Matt Bailey was tripped in the area.

In the 48th minute Carlo Franco found Maydew who put Bailey away and Bellingham side-footed in. The Herefordshire side made it 2-1 as Paul Jones volleyed home from eight yards in the 72nd minute.

Henderson kept his side's slender lead intact with a superb diving save to his right to keep out a Wayne McNeil shot in the 82nd minute.

Adam Skornicki, second left, celebrates the 2009 Wolves title triumph

Popular Pole returns at Fast Freddie

Speedway

POPULAR Pole Adam Skornicki makes a long-awaited Monmore Green return in the Fast Freddie Challenge on Sunday, March 10 (5pm).

The 36-year-old former Polish Champion will be back in Wolves colours for the first time since 2010 when the new seasons begins.

And he will warm up for his seventh season with the Midlands outfit by riding in the testimonial of regular team-mate Freddie Lindgren.

Skornicki joins Tai Woffinden, Peter Karlsson and Lindgren himself in the line-up, meaning the talismanic top four of Wolves' memorable 2009 title-winning season will be reunited.

Skornicki's double-point tactical ride win at a crucial point in the second leg of the play-off final at Swindon that year has gone into fans' folklore.

With six Grand Prix stars already named in the testimonial line-up alongside several other top riders considered specialists around the tricky Monmore track, the meeting is shaping up to be a memorable one.

Lindgren is pleased to include Skornicki – who himself hosted a testimonial at the venue in 2010.

Lindgren said: "Sqora makes it the top four of our Elite League winning side at Wolves in 2009 together with myself, PK and Wuffy already signed up for the event.

"He is one of the few Polish riders who has set the world alight in British speedway, because he's a showman and that's what he's going to bring to my meeting. I love Sqora to bits; he's one of the good guys of speedway."

Admission is £17 for adults, with concessions £12, juniors £1 when accompanied by a paying adult (otherwise £5) and under-fives free.

Sponsorship chances and VIP Packages are available, with details available on **www.fastfreddie.se**

The unique opportunity to sit alongside the meeting referee is also now available for auction on eBay under the item number 360595433087.

JACK THE LAD WILL HANDLE PRESSURE

DEAN SAUNDERS has backed 19-year-old new-boy Jack Robinson to handle the pressure of Wolves' relegation battle.

The left-back is on loan until the end of the season from Liverpool as Saunders beefs up defensive options.

Robinson, Liverpool's youngest-ever Premier League player, arrived at Molineux with a glowing recommendation from Anfield boss Brendan Rodgers and Saunders reckons he has the stomach for the Championship relegation fight.

by Tim Nash

"He's really aggressive and he's a winner," he said.

"I've spoken to Brendan Rodgers, Steve Cooper who was his coach at the under-16 and 17s, and nearly all the coaches he's played for, and all of them have been very positive.

"Sometimes a young lad, a fresh face, comes in and lifts the place."

Robinson has 11 appearances for Liverpool but is yet to feature in the Premier League this season. His last game was the January 2-3 FA Cup defeat by Oldham.

Benefit

Saunders believes the England Under-21 international will benefit at Wolves.

"He's a good, young player and they think a lot of him at Liverpool," he said.

"He can play anywhere up and down the left and gives us competition for places."

Meanwhile, performances in the run-in may see players earn new deals – or go.

George Elokobi, Christophe Berra, Stephen Hunt, Dave Edwards, Sylvan Ebanks-Blake, Leigh Griffiths and Sam Winnall are out of contract in summer, but the club has one-year options on Elokobi, Edwards and Griffiths.

Berra is set to leave, but Saunders has indicated keenness for Elokobi, Hunt and Edwards to prove themselves and recommends 11-goal top scorer Ebanks-Blake for a deal.

With Wolves in a relegation fight for a second successive season, Saunders says futures are very much in their own hands – as high-profilers struggle for clubs.

Ex-Wolves left-back Lee Naylor has been without a club all season and fellow Bosman and one-time Molineux target James McFadden has struggled to find a new team.

"I've said to all of them; If we don't win games, there are consequences for everyone," said Saunders.

"I've seen it before. There's no use thinking to yourself: 'I'll get another club somewhere else.'

"There are a lot of really good players scrabbling around trying to find a club.

"But if we win games, it will go the other way – Jez Moxey (chief executive) will be calling you in offering you a new contract."

Saunders believes fitness levels have picked up, with players now training harder.

"I've told them it's only a matter of rolling your sleeves up and working hard so you're fit enough to do what I want you to do, and win games late on," he said.

Tom hits home four of Wulfs' magnificent seven

Wulfs' Nathan Rose-Laing is denied by Scott Hoof. *Pictures: Nigel Cliff*

Ash Burd advances past Jordan Jones

AFC Wulfrunians 7 Shifnal Town 1

TOM PIGGOTT struck four times as AFC Wulfrunians thumped Shifnal Town 7-1 at the Castlecroft Stadium.

Wulfs' Nathan Rose-Laing had a shot tipped wide by keeper Scott Hoof when clean through and then was foiled by a superb point-blank save.

A 12th-minute lead came as Jordan Perks went right and played a neat one-two with Andy Thompson before beating the keeper at his near post.

Four minutes later Liam Wilkinson slid a good ball for Thompson to run on and slot past the keeper.

Dave Asbury twice headed over from corners and Jake Sedgemore twice forced the keeper to save but a third goal came in the 35th minute as Piggott latched on to a Sedgemore through ball and, holding off his marker, fired past the helpless keeper.

David Howells was foiled by the keeper before Piggott added his second, and the team's fourth, two minutes before the interval as he slotted home Thompson's low ball across goal at the far post.

The second half saw Piggott cross-from the left and Ash Burd sent a diving header across goal but wide of the far post.

Shifnal began to show some attacking threat with Ricky Dumbrell heading wide from Tom Worthington's cross and Jamie Price forcing keeper Danny Tipton to scramble across goal to push his 30-yard effort wide. Their extra commitment led to them pulling a goal back in fortunate fashion when a long ball forward was headed back to his keeper by Perks but Tipton slipped and the ball rolled into the net for an own goal.

Wulfs' response was swift with Piggott adding two more to his personal tally, both goals being set up by Sedgemore and ending up with the young striker rounding the keeper before slotting home.

Substitute Mike Robertson then saw his long-range shot pushed wide by Hoof before Wulfs added a seventh goal in the final minute when Jake Webb's cross was headed home by Nathan Rose-Laing.

Steelmen go nap as Nick hits hat-trick

Leominster Town 0
Bilston Town 5

BILSTON bounced back after a midweek defeat with a convincing win in which Nick Turton hit his second hat-trick of the season.

The Steelmen won an early corner – safely collected by James Panniers in the Leominster goal but Turton was a constant threat to the home defence.

Lee Onions played him through, only for his effort to be pushed out for a corner.

Jamall Pinnock's effort was cleared for another corner.

Panniers was forced into a good save from Ryan Trumpeter and a Danny Mason free kick was just too high.

Trumpeter played a precision through-ball to his strike partner for Turton to open the scoring.

A few minutes later Pinnock's cross from the left was met by Onions powering home a header.

Leomininster had a chance to pull a goal back when Ben Astley conceded a penalty, but the keeper made amends and saved.

Soon after the break Turton made a surging runs to fire home his second. Leominster rallied, with a couple of attempts going just wide, while at the other end a good tackle just prevented Trumpeter from breaking through on goal.

Panniers brought Turton down in the box, and Danny Mason was on target from the spot for Bilston's fourth.

A few minutes later a Matt Rutter effort was just too high, but an excellent through ball by James Messenger found Turton, who rounded Panniers to coolly complete his hat-trick.

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